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Our water's drug problem

ENVIRONMENT

Study discovers traces of cocaine in Ontario rivers

Luke Simcoe
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Toronto's fish may have a drug problem.

Researchers at McGill University have discovered traces of prescription and illicit drugs — including cocaine and oxycodone — in Ontario wastewater and in the surface waters of the Grand River watershed.

The Grand River flows through Kitchener-Waterloo, but the study's lead author, Viviane Yargeau, is confident similar drugs would be found in waterways across the province, including the Don and Humber rivers.

"Wherever we've tested for it, we've detected it," she said.

The drugs arrive in the water after being excreted by people, Yargeau said, and cocaine is the most common illicit substance found.

The impact? Getting an answer to that question is one of the problems posed by the discovery, Yargeau said.

As it stands, experts have very little understanding of how the drugs are impacting the environment.

"There's a possibility that the fish could be affected," Yargeau said. "Their behaviour could be different, and their survival rates could be affected."

But it's not just a problem for fish: the study also found traces of illicit drugs in our drinking water.

"It's very little amounts," Yargeau said. "But as we're increasing our population and increasing the use of these drugs, we're increasing the amount and the cocktail that we discharge."

There's no evidence the drugs in our water are a health risk, Yargeau said, but she's advocating for improved wastewater treatment.

"We need to do a better job treating our water," she said. "The technologies do exist, but the issue is investing money to build additional treatment centres and hire the staff to operate them."

Trinity Bellwoods trees in serious danger

Gilbert Ngabo
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Trees in Trinity Bellwoods Park are among the most threatened in Canada by the emerald ash borer, says Tree Canada.

Some relief is on the way, however, in the form of a donation connected to American musician Dave Matthews.

A partnership between Tree Canada and Matthews' winery, The Dreaming Tree, is bringing 29 new trees to the west-end park. It's a far cry from the 80 trees expected to be lost to the borer this year.

But every little bit counts as the need for more trees reaches a record high, said Tree Canada spokesman Richard Walker.

"What we are trying to do is bring a little bit of help," he said. "If we don't do anything at all, we will have no canopy left. We have to keep fighting."

With cities struggling to maintain infrastructure like roads and transit, spending money on new trees can be difficult. That's where a non-profit like Tree Canada can help.

Meeting the need for more shade, space for recreation and "most importantly air to breathe" is an increasing challenge, Walker said — one that's being tackled a few trees at a time.

"We hope in the next 15 or 30 years those trees are going to provide a great shade for those areas where they are planted," he said.

A tree-heavy spot in Trinity Bellwoods Park. TORSTAR FILE

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STATISTICS CANADA

City scores low on annual crime index

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Toronto is the safest major city in Canada — even if it doesn't always feel that way.

Crime data released Wednesday by Statistics Canada shows crime in the city is, on a per capita basis, relatively low.

"From a citizen's perspective, the crime rate can stay exactly the same. But as the population goes up, there's more and more crime that they hear about," said Anthony Doob, a criminology professor at the University of Toronto. Statistics Canada releases a crime severity index every year.

The index accounts for the number of crimes per capita in a geographic region, giving more weight to more serious crimes, such as homicide.

Toronto's crime severity score has been lower than that in most of the country for decades, and the city's consistently outperformed other major urban centres. This year, the only city that scored better was Barrie, Ont.

Major crimes in Toronto with the most marked increases last year were child pornography offences and human trafficking — both of which have been the subject of legislative changes and new police enforcement initiatives, Doob said. The uptick is more a sign of police doing a better job at making arrests than an indication that more crimes are occurring, Dobb said.

"It can make it look like a crime wave, but it's not a crime wave, it's an apprehension wave," he said.

Doob has been studying crime rates since the 1970s. At that point, crime was in the midst of a historic increase in the Western world. The trend peaked in the early 1990s and has been declining for years.

"I keep thinking, every year, 'Well, this is going to be the last year it's going down,'" he said.

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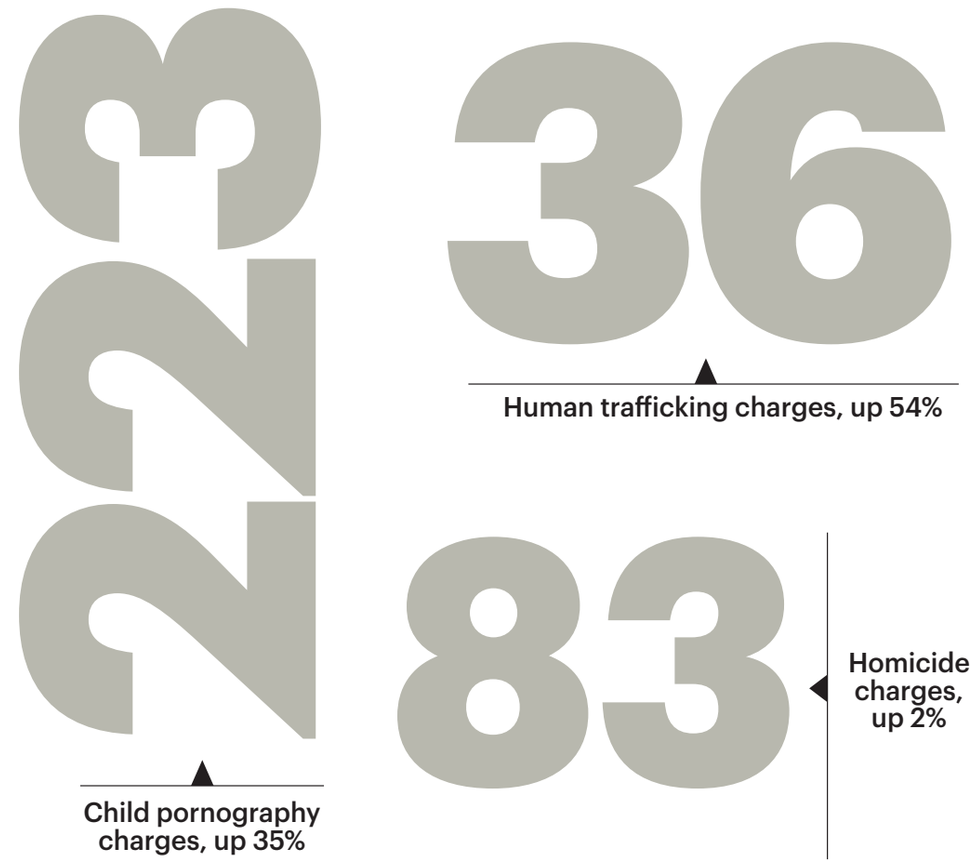

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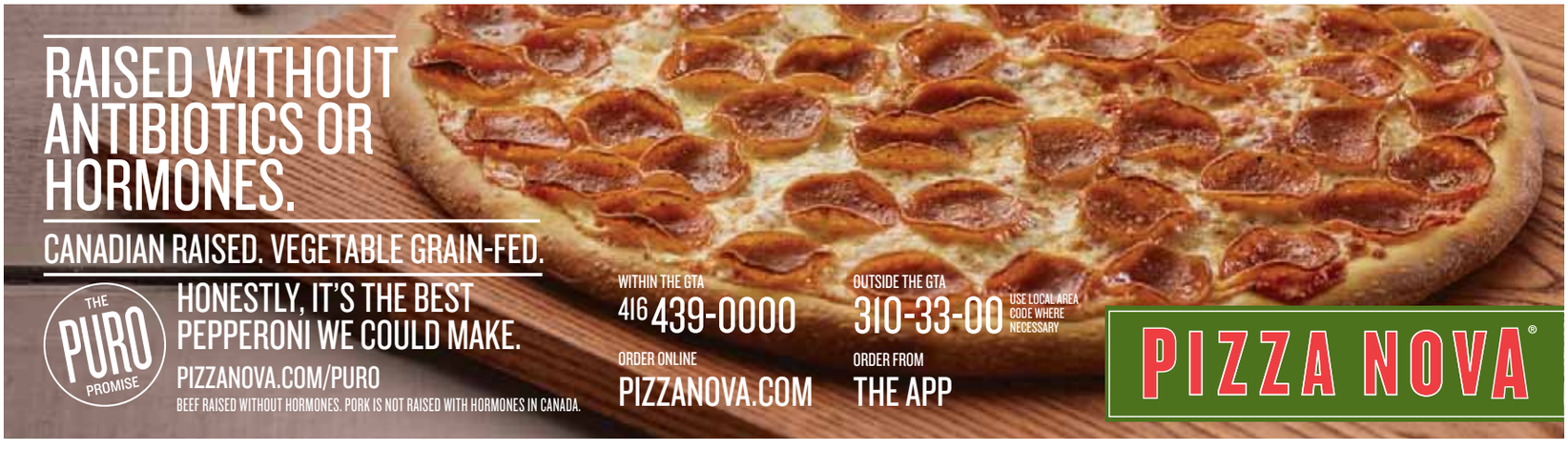

Car2Go eyes residential parking

CITY HALL

Company to lobby city for more places to park vehicles

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

A car-share service is making a big push to park closer to your front door.

Car2Go is putting together a pitch asking Toronto city council for permission to park its blue-and-white Smart cars on residential streets.

Right now, city rules only allow the cars to be left in — and picked up from — municipal lots. But the company has been lobbying city officials for years to get parking in residential areas, according to the lobbyist registry. It's something already allowed in the other 13 North American cities where Car2Go operates.

"We're going to make our final case for why we think it's so important to have residential on-street parking," spokesman Brad Ducey said. "The benefit is it unlocks more flexibility. People can get to a broader range of areas. The shared vehicles flow better through the city."

Car2Go wants the city to allow its Smart cars to be left on residential streets when in between users. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Car2Go would likely pay the city for use of residential permit-parking areas, much like it pays for access to Green P lots, Ducey said. Some municipal lot spaces would continue to be available to Car2Go.

> **The shared vehicles flow better through the city.**
> Brad Ducey

Ducey said Car2Go expects to make the proposal at council's public works and infrastructure committee meeting in September.

Public-works chairwoman Jaye Robinson said it's not likely.

The meeting is already "packed with hot issues," and the Car2Go proposal will likely have to wait until later in the fall, she said.

Car2Go's presentation will be paired with a staff report on the viability of a pilot project allowing car-share parking on residential streets.

If the pilot is approved, the city would most likely accept proposals for a company interested in being the test model, said Robinson.

Along with Car2Go, Autoshare and Zipcar operate car shares in Toronto.

Robinson said she's impressed by Car2Go and interested in allowing their cars to park in more places.

"I think it's an idea worth exploring," she said. "Gridlock is an $11-billion-a-year problem, and any innovative new transportation models and technologies are something we want to look at."

But, she said, it wouldn't be a good idea for car shares to park in neighbourhoods where there aren't enough spaces to go around.

CRIME

Missing man in concrete: Police

Toronto police say they believe a missing 22-year-old man has been murdered and his body might be entombed in concrete.

Shawn Kapadia, of Mississauga, went missing on July 5, and his body has yet to be found.

Their investigation has led them to several locations, first an apartment in Toronto where they believe he was killed, and then to a house in Wainfleet, about 40 kilometres southwest of Niagara Falls, where they found Kapadia's car several days later.

Det. Dave Dickinson says a John Deere backhoe was seen at the southwestern Ontario home from July 10 to 12, when it left with a large chunk of concrete in its front bucket.

He says they want people in the area to report any freshly dug holes or if they've seen the backhoe.

Dickinson says the investigation is moving quickly and police expect to make an arrest at some point. THE CANADIAN PRES

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Be prepared for the medal-winning shot

The Pan Am Games have entered their second week, and we have all been captivated by the incredible performance of Canada's top athletes. Whether you are planning to see some events in person, or if you are just watching your own young athletes training to become Canada's next generation of talent, Henry's has more great photography tips to help you capture this summer's exciting memories.

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GET CLOSE

Indoor sports are more challenging to photograph than outdoor sports. There is often less light to work with so, whenever possible, get close to the action. This will help you fill the frame with the action, and your camera will thank you for getting closer to the most brightly lit part of the arena.

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PERFECT YOUR WHITE BALANCE

Because indoor sports are played under artificial light, you have to be careful to avoid ugly colour casts caused by the different light sources. Your camera will have a preset for each type of light, but you can also go a step further and manually calibrate your white balance to the exact conditions in the arena. This will help the colours pop, and the athletes' skin tones will look much more natural.

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SUMMER GAMES

Olympics bid still on table, Tory says

Mayor John Tory reveals there's a "great discussion" underway for Toronto to take a sixth run at hosting the Olympic Games.

As Canada basks in a record-high medal count at the Pan Am Games, reporters asked whether the timing is right to try again for the golden prize of hosting the Olympics.

"There's a whole variety of international events and sporting competitions that we're now in a position to host — which I think is good for Toronto, good for Ontario and good for Canada and the Olympics is one of those, obviously, of which there is great discussion," Tory replied.

"But the time to make any decision with respect to whether to go forward with that is after these Games are successfully concluded," Tory continued. His comments came at Queen's Park on Wednesday morning after a meeting with Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne.

"We have another set of Games that are very important, in Parapan, to carry out and then to sit down and talk about these things together, as we will, and decide what's best in terms of what we go forward with — whether it's an Olympic bid or a host of other things," Tory said.

The Parapan Am Games are scheduled to run Aug. 7 to 15.

Toronto has failed in five separate bids for the Summer Olympics since 1960, coming second to Beijing in its attempt for the 2008 Games.

Pressed further about taking another run at hosting the Games, the mayor added: "I guess everything's on the table until you take it off the table."

The deadline for bidding on the 2024 Summer Olympics is Sept. 15.

A week ago, Thomas Bach, president of the International Olympic Association, told the CBC: "Toronto would be a good candidate" for hosting the 2024 Games. In 2007, Rio de Janeiro hosted the Pan American Games and in 2009, that city was awarded the 2016 Summer Olympics.

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"Toronto would be a good candidate (for hosting the 2024 Games)

Thomas Bach, IOC president

Tolls coming to Pan Am's HOV lanes, Wynne warns

TRANSPORTATION

Mayor cool to idea of HOT lanes on DVP, Gardiner

Motorists getting used to free high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes now in use for the Pan Am Games should prepare for high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes in the future, Premier Kathleen Wynne said Wednesday.

The HOT system would allow motorists who don't have enough passengers in their vehicles to pay a toll and use the speedier lanes to get where they're going.

While it's too early to say which highways will get HOT lanes or when that will happen, they will be an "important source of revenue" to help bankroll a 10-year, $130-billion plan to improve public transit and reduce severe traffic congestion plaguing the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, Wynne said.

It's unlikely the expanded network of Pan Am HOV lanes will all become optional toll highways, the premier suggested, after a meeting with Toronto Mayor John Tory.

"If there's any frustration that I've heard, it's that the HOV lanes during Pan Am have been underutilized ..."

Mayor John Tory

"Whether the configurations that have been put in place on provincial roads for the Pan Am Games are exactly what will transpire when we put in place the HOT lanes, that's not our plan at this moment," she told reporters.

"What's important is that we take the lessons from the HOV lanes," Wynne added.

The HOT lanes have been promised in the last two provincial budgets.

For his part, Tory seemed cool to the idea of HOT lanes on Toronto highways such as the Gardiner Expressway and Don Valley Parkway. "If there's any frustration that I've heard, it's that the HOV lanes during Pan Am have been underutilized ... the lesson for us all now is to take lessons."

Tory said he wants to see traffic statistics after the Pan Am and ParaPan games are over. Data from the Pan Am HOV experience "will help inform the decisions we will make" on HOT lanes, he added.

Progressive Conservative MPP Michael Harris (Kitchener-Conestoga) said HOT lanes are a bad idea. "Taxpayers of Ontario have already paid for these roads where HOT lane tolls will be levied," said Harris, his party's transportation critic.

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CHALLENGE

Pup on quest to meet people from all 41 countries

Calling on athletes and visitors from St. Kitts and Nevis, or St. Vincent and the Grenadines: Dagny would really like to meet you. Known on social media as the "Pan Am Pup," Dagny and her owner Sue Janzen have been scrambling to fulfil a challenge: to get a photo with someone from each of the 41 countries represented at the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games.

So far, they're 28 countries down, 13 more to go.

Janzen, a Distillery District resident, has been scouring her neighbourhood to track down out-of-country visitors. She then posts photos of them posing with Dagny on her Pan Am Pup Twitter and Instagram pages.

She has enlisted a few friends to help out.

"They'll text me and say they have an athlete from a certain country and I'll go meet them," she said.

It's been easier to tick some countries off the list than others. Right now, the duo is on the hunt for representatives of St. Kitts and Nevis or St. Vincent and the Grenadines, two island countries with small contingents at the Games. She's also prioritizing countries without athletes at next month's Parapan Am Games.

Dagny, a mutt — likely a Pekinese, poodle and terrier mix, Janzen says — is posing with more than just foreign visitors. Last week, she visited Pachi, the Games' porcupine mascot. She's also posed with police officers and Games volunteers.

Janzen never intended the project to become so extensive. She initially made a private album on her Facebook profile and went public only after her friends seemed taken by the dog's encounters.

She said reaction from her subjects, many of whom are athletes, has been positive.

"They even pick her up, or if they're not comfortable holding her, I'll have them squat down beside her or just hold her leash," she said. "Some of the athletes, if they have Instagram accounts, I have them tag themselves in the photo right away."

Janzen admits that her Pan Am Pup isn't exactly a pup: Dagny is 11 years old, but young at heart.

"For years, I've had people walk up to me and exclaim, 'Look at the cute puppy!' and want to pet her," Janzen said.

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'Pan Am Pup' Dagny meets people from Brazil, above, Colombia, left, and Pachi, the Games' porcupine mascot. She has still to meet people from 13 counties.

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DAGNY'S PHOTO WISH LIST

28 down, 13 to go

The 13 countries still on the list (their Toronto population in parentheses):

Aruba (315)
Barbados (8,305)
Belize (240)
Bolivia (915)
British Virgin Islands (40)
Dominica (2,035)
Grenada (7,565)
Guatemala (4,165)
Haiti (2,270)
Honduras (1,085)
Nicaragua (2,545)
Saint Kitts & Nevis (1,500)
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Peel regional police forensic identification officers investigate the scene of a police shooting on Queen Street, east of Kennedy Road, in Brampton on Sept. 25, 2014. CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS

Peel police refuse to name officer

JERMAINE CARBY

Critics demand information about 'bizarre conduct' in fatal shooting

Peel Regional Police is maintaining a veil of secrecy around an officer who removed a key piece of evidence from the scene of a fatal police shooting in Brampton last September.

The force will not release the name of the officer who took a knife from the hand of 33-year-old Jermaine Carby after he was shot dead by a Peel police officer, nor will it say whether he is still working for Peel police and in what capacity, and if he is facing disciplinary action.

Critics are demanding that his identity be made public immediately as well as more information about his "bizarre conduct."

"I can assure you if I tampered with evidence, my identity would be revealed immediately," said criminal defence lawyer John Struthers. "This officer has to understand that you don't disturb evidence on the ground."

Ontario's police watchdog announced on Tuesday that no criminal charges would be laid in Carby's death. But Special Investigations Unit director Tony Loparco also lashed out in his report at the conduct of another unnamed Peel officer, who removed a knife from Carby's body that he apparently wielded at officers before being shot. The knife was only given to an SIU forensic investigator hours after the incident.

"Peel Regional Police will not be releasing any information about the involved officers," police spokesman Sgt. Matt Small told Torstar News Service on Wednesday, saying an administrative review is now underway by Peel police's Investigative Support Bureau, which "will be examining all aspects of the conduct of our involved officers."

Small said if charges are laid against the officer under the Police Services Act and the process moves to a police tribunal — which is open to the public — the officer's name and the charges against him would be posted on Peel police's website.

"I don't see any reason why the SIU wouldn't name the officer," said lawyer Peter Rosenthal. "And then the public would be able to find out what happened by seeing how Peel Regional Police deals with the officer. Otherwise it will just fade into obscurity, unless something dramatic is done by Peel police. ... There's a public interest in what happened here."

The knife provided to the SIU was a kitchen knife with a serrated blade measuring about 13 centimetres, according to Loparco's report. He said that an officer approached Carby on the ground after he was shot and kicked the knife away with his left foot, before placing the knife in a brown paper bag and giving it to his sergeant.

Jermaine Carby was shot and killed by Peel police in Brampton in September 2014. CONTRIBUTED

"This conduct is hard to fathom," Loparco wrote, saying the officer should have appreciated the importance of securing the scene given the imminent SIU investigation.

Loparco did not have reasonable grounds to believe that the officer intended to obstruct justice, so he did not lay criminal charges, SIU spokeswoman Monica Hudon told Torstar News Service. "However, regardless of the officer's intent, removing evidence from a scene has the potential to adversely affect the investigation," she said.

Critics deemed the officer's actions bizarre, saying it calls into question officer training. Struthers said "it is almost asking for public outrage," especially given recent reports in the U.S. of officers planting evidence near the bodies of police shooting victims. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"Did he remove a knife? Was there ever a knife? Was this officer simply helping out a fellow officer who could be charged with murder? Lawyer Jeff Hershberg

‘Thug’ councillor defends Drake

TWITTER

Norm Kelly slugs it out with Meek Mill

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

After an unlikely series of events, a Toronto councillor has found himself embroiled in a Twitter beef with rapper Meek Mill.

Mill, who just dropped his second album and is dating Nicki Minaj, took to Twitter Tuesday and accused Drake of not writing his own material.

The jab sparked a flurry of social-media activity, prompting Norm Kelly to come to Drizzy’s defence.

The Ward 40 councillor, whose popular Twitter account features musings on everything from dead raccoons to high-end umbrellas, replied to Mill, telling him he’s “no longer welcome in Toronto.”

Mill fired back, calling Kelly a “thug.”

“Aye white man @norm what gives you the audacity to tell me I can’t come somewhere over me voicing my opinion! U sound like a thug lol,” Mill tweeted.

Kelly hadn’t replied by press time. However, the pair may get the chance to hash things out in person when Mill plays the Molson Amphitheatre on Tuesday. Here’s hoping Mill challenges Kelly to a rap battle.

Drake has come under attack on Twitter for allegedly using ghostwriters. Rapper Meek Mill launched the attack, but Ward 40 Coun. Norm Kelly, who has often tweeted about Drake, has come to the musician’s defence. TOP: INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; MIDDLE: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE; BOTTOM: GETTY IMAGES

LOOK BACK LOW NOTES IN TORONTO’S MUSICAL HISTORY

Norm Kelly vs. Meek Mill is just the latest in a string of musical controversies in the city.

• In April, a pianist was banned from playing with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra after she made controversial Twitter comments about the conflict in Ukraine.

• North by Northeast festival organizers came under fire earlier this summer for the decision to have Action Bronson perform in Yonge-Dundas Square. After thousands of people signed a petition decrying the rapper’s lyrics as misogynistic, his performance was moved to a different venue.

• In February, Chris Brown was forced to cancel his concert in Toronto after being denied entry to Canada at the border.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook is landing on MaRS

Facebook announced plans Wednesday to move its Canadian headquarters into the Phase 2 tower at the MaRS Discovery District near College and University.

The move — slated for early 2016 — is good news for MaRS, which has been dogged by financial woes since its inception. The provincial government has shelled out nearly $400 million to bail out the tech incubator, which has struggled to attract tenants at market rents.

Facebook will join a number of smaller tech companies at MaRS, including Airbnb and Etsy.

“We wanted to find space that very much reflected our culture, which is large and open and interactive and collaborative and part of something much greater than just Facebook,” said Jordan Banks, head of Facebook Canada. “Our mission is to make the world more open and connected. We feel MaRS is the type of venue that will help us do that.”

By March, MaRS expects to have enough tenants in the Phase 2 tower to start paying the province back.

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SIMCOE NORTH

MPP quits so PC leader can run in riding

Veteran Progressive Conservative Garfield Dunlop is quitting as the MPP for Simcoe North so new party leader Patrick Brown can run for a seat in the Ontario legislature.

Dunlop, who was first elected in 1999 to represent the long-time Conservative stronghold north of Barrie, announced Wednesday he would step down on Aug. 1.

Dunlop was one of the most vocal opponents to Brown in the PC caucus during the party's leadership race, openly asking: "Who does this guy think he is, coming down from Ottawa to take over our caucus?" But Dunlop admitted in his resignation speech that he'd changed his thinking.

"I said some things that were completely wrong, and I was wrong to say them," he said. "I have watched Patrick Brown grow in the last nine or 10 months ... coming into our caucus and being accepted immediately as leader."

Brown shrugged off Dunlop's earlier criticism.

"I learned over the years that there's no script for Garfield," Brown said to laughs from the many Dunlop supporters gathered in the community of Coldwater for the announcement. "He's sincere, he's authentic and he's a gentleman."

Brown resigned his seat in the House of Commons as MP in the neighbouring riding of Barrie after he won the PC leadership in June, and said he was "humbled and excited" that Dunlop offered to quit so he could seek a provincial seat.

"That he believed so strongly in myself and our party, that he approached me with an offer to step aside, is just incredible and a tremendous honour," said Brown. "Today marks another exciting chapter for our party."

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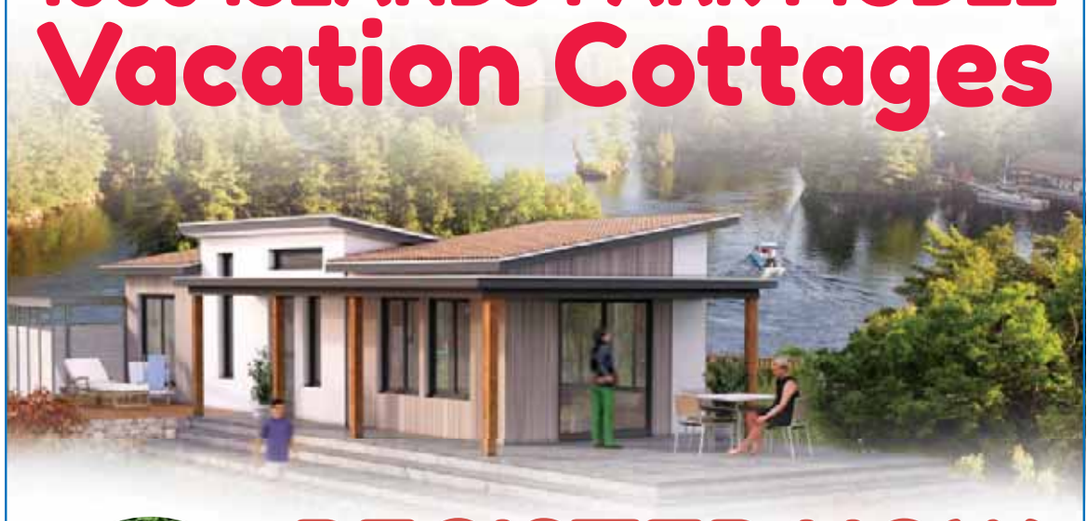

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Condos going up at 117 Peter St., formerly System Soundbar. Toronto author Denise Benson talks about the impermanence of local nightspots. AARON HARRIS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Benson talks Then & Now

BOOK LAUNCH

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DJ, radio host and music writer Denise Benson has been a respected mover and shaker within Toronto's dance-music community since the late '80s, so she was the logical person to helm a little column for late newsweekly The Grid in 2011 called Then & Now, conceived as a fun, regular item showing what had become of spaces that once housed popular nightspots.

Benson admits she had "a little bit of reticence" at first, but the response to her first Then & Now piece — on beloved Brant Street house-music haunt Roxy Blu, currently enjoying life as swanky Jacob's Steakhouse — was so overwhelming and passionate that she changed her tune. By the time The Grid folded in July 2014, Then & Now was 10, even 20 times its original size and home to lengthy, fondly drawn histories of not just the places where Torontonians once danced the night away, but the Torontonians who danced the night away in those places. Clearly, Benson had touched a nerve in her nostalgic probings of local club culture.

"It's not just nostalgia," says Benson, who has since amassed enough material to fill a book, Then & Now: Toronto Nightlife History. "People are very emotional about these spots. It's music, it's people. There are all kinds of pros and cons to going out to clubs, but for those of us who go out a lot, you form all kinds of connections and life experiences and you learn a lot in them, as well. So all those stories and more got to be told.

"Yes, there's the musical experience, which is massively a part of why we go out, of course. But for me, clubs are always about communities coming together, and communities expressing themselves and connecting. As a queer person, it's been very much a direct part of my history ... that people will literally come together and movements will come together in clubs. Clubs are very much a part of a social movement."

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Leaders support costly subway line

TRANSIT DEBATE

Scarborough line analysis 'problematic': City's planner

Premier Kathleen Wynne and Mayor John Tory are digging in on plans to build the Scarborough subway, despite growing concern about a lack of evidence to justify the $3.56-billion plan.

The leaders' unwavering support as they stood side by side at a Queen's Park news conference Wednesday morning, has drawn criticism that the subway plan — which will cost at least $2 billion more than the light-rail alternative — is a political gambit not based on sound planning policy.

"My support for this was predicated on the notion that I think people want to see us move ahead and actually do something," Tory said after meeting with Wynne to discuss various city issues.

When asked whether the public can be confident when earlier justification for the subway was based on analysis deemed "problematic" by the city's top planner, Tory said all three governments have already made their decision — one he called "carefully considered."

"On the basic decision of whether or not we're going to have a subway in Scarborough... that train has left the station."

Despite on-the-ground subway work still being years away from starting, Wynne, for her part, agreed she wants the debate to be over.

"I'd like to see us move forward as opposed to relitigate decisions we've already made," she said.

For the first time this term, that fight will be centre stage on the floor of council in the fall, when the city must decide where exactly to build the subway.

At the same time, councillors must contend with whether Tory and the province's own plans to build a heavy-rail SmartTrack line will interfere with the subway.

Of key concern for subway critics is the sudden jump in the projected riders in Scarborough, from 9,500 to 14,000 — a number that was used in 2013 to just barely justify the need for a subway. The city's chief planner, Jennifer Keesmaat, earlier told Torstar News Service those numbers were provided to council after a rushed planning process that didn't allow for due diligence.

Many of those now pushing for the subway, including Tory, once supported the rationale for an LRT. But the votes on Scarborough transit aligned with the upcoming municipal election and crucial byelections for Wynne's government.

At that time, TTC chairwoman Karen Stintz, an LRT advocate turned staunch subway supporter, was planning to run for mayor against incumbent subway champion Rob Ford. Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, who also backed the LRT, changed his pitch as he faced re-election in his Scarborough Centre ward. He has since been named Tory's subway champion and a deputy mayor.

In the provincial race, Liberal Scarborough MPP Mitzie Hunter asserted herself as a "subway champion" — a slogan plastered on red and white lawn signs that year — to narrowly win a close byelection battle in her Scarborough-Guildwood riding.

John Tory and Kathleen Wynne.
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Filipino centre helps youth reach higher

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Workshops challenge kids to dream big, reach goals

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A promotional image for Clutch, a six-month arts-based program for young Filipinas. CONTRIBUTED

A Filipino cultural centre is challenging youth to set their aspirations higher than what's become a pigeonhole in their community: Working as nurses and nannies.

"Not that there is anything wrong with those types of jobs. They are very noble jobs," said Nicole Cajucom, executive director of Kapisanan Philippines Centre for Arts and Culture. "But when you grow up with the stereotype that every Filipino in Toronto is a caregiver or a nanny, you risk missing out on so many cool things."

The Kapisanan centre is offering two mentorship programs aimed at encouraging and challenging young people aged 16 to 24 to up their career dreams. One program, called Clutch, specifically targets young Filipinas. The other, called Navigate, is geared toward young men.

Apart from leadership skills, the six-month workshops give youth an opportunity to work with successful role models from the communities, Cajucom said.

Along with changing attitudes about the future, the programs allow participants to explore an array of cultural and artistic ventures.

Some younger members of the Filipino community feel disconnected from their culture, much like Cajucom did while growing up.

"You carry around some sort of a cultural shame, and always feel like, 'My parents are Filipino but I am Canadian,'" she said.

The workshops offer a chance for youth to learn how to better express themselves without feeling that shame, Cajucom said.

The youth involved will form a key component of this year's KULTURA, a festival that showcases the Filipino community through music, poetry, spoken word, performance and food.

The festival, running in early August, is another way of showing how the rich heritage of people's native countries has been woven into the cultural fabric of Toronto, Cajucom said.

SCARBOROUGH

Home prices rise in Birch Cliff-Cliffside

The value of detached homes in Scarborough's waterfront neighbourhoods has surged in the first half of 2015, with some price values up by more than 25 per cent, a new report says.

Re/Max Hallmark Realty Ltd. says the biggest price appreciation took place in neighbourhoods priced under $1 million.

The largest increase was in the Birch Cliff–Cliffside area of Scarborough, where values shot up 25.4 per cent from a year ago. The average price for a detached home in the area was $724,187 at the end of June.

"The Scarborough community — nestled between the popular Beach area and the Scarborough Bluffs — has experienced a serious upswing in demand due to affordability and close proximity to Toronto's downtown core," the agency said in a statement.

Homes in Birch Cliff–Cliffside can vary from 2-bedroom bungalows to two-storey houses and "massive homes," explained Ken McLachlan, a broker-owner at Re/Max Hallmark.

But the largest draw of the area "has always been the proximity to downtown," he said. "It's close to downtown, you get more land ... it's a great alternative."

$724,187

The average price for a detached home in Birch Cliff-Cliffside sits at $724,187. The overall value of homes in the community has shot up 25.4 per cent since 2014.

5 years

McLachlan said new immigrants tend to buy homes within five to seven years of arriving here, a trend he says fuels the market.

The Re/Max report surveyed sales and value figures in 35 neighbourhoods across the Toronto Real Estate Board's 416 area code, and nine in York Region.

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Feds head toward deficit

BANK OF CANADA

Projections cast doubt on promise to balance books

The Bank of Canada's latest economic forecast puts the federal government on track to run a $1-billion deficit in 2015-16, casting doubt on the governing Conservatives' promise to balance the election-year books, says a new analysis by the parliamentary budget office.

The results of the calculations, based on the downgraded projection released last week by the central bank, also trim the government's expected surpluses over the next two years.

The bleaker fiscal outlook, released Wednesday, surfaces as political parties are pitching economic policies to voters ahead of the October election.

In its April budget, the Harper government predicted a string of surpluses, starting with $1.4 billion for this election year. The government forecast surpluses of $1.7 billion in 2016-17 and $2.6 billion in 2017-18.

Bank of Canada Governor Stephen Poloz holds a news conference in Ottawa on July 15, 2015. The Bank of Canada's latest economic forecast puts the federal government on track to run a $1-billion deficit in 2015-16. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

But the budget office projects the government producing a $1-billion shortfall in 2015-16 followed by smaller surpluses of $600 million and $2.2 billion over the next two years.

Their calculations used fresh projections by the Bank of Canada, which last week lowered its outlook for economic growth in 2015 to 1.1 per cent, down from 1.9 per cent earlier this year.

Canada's economy has been struggling, leading some to state it has slipped into recession. It contracted in the first quarter of the year at an annualized rate of 0.6 per cent — in large part due to the steep drop in oil prices and the failure of other sectors to pick up the slack.

That number registered well below the federal budget's projection that real gross domestic product would grow by 1.2 per cent over the first three months of 2015.

> **Their economic record is in tatters. They've failed to be fiscally responsible.**
> Liberal MP Scott Brison

The budget office factored in positive offsets that have appeared since the release of the spring budget: lower interest rates and higher gross domestic product inflation. Their projections also use up the government's $1-billion annual reserve set aside for contingencies.

The analysis was produced by the independent office following requests by NDP MP Nathan Cullen and Liberal MP Scott Brison. Both their parties were quick to jump on the results.

Despite months of poor economic data, the Harper government says it remains confident it will run a surplus this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Canada near to wiping out HIV transmission from moms to babies

Canada has virtually eliminated the incidence of mothers passing HIV to their infants at birth, primarily because of high rates of prenatal testing and ready access to drug treatment that subdues the infection, researchers say.

In 2014, there was only one case of mother-to-child HIV transmission in Canada, continuing a decade-long downward trend. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Couple with 30 feline friends removed from Quebec City home

Firefighters wearing special equipment have removed a man and a woman from their Quebec City home after finding about 30 cats in the residence.

They say excrement and urine stains were visible in the dwelling and that there was also a strong concentration of ammonia.

The residents, who are believed to be in their 50s, were taken to hospital on Tuesday to undergo health tests. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Wildfires may be the 'new normal'

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Premier Clark blames climate change for altering terrain

A hiker makes his way past a fire hazard sign on the Baden Powell trail in north Vancouver earlier this week. Extreme heat and the lack of rain has put most of British Columbia in danger of forest fires. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Relentless forest fires burning across British Columbia may be the new normal, Premier Christy Clark warned as she stood not far from a raging fire that threatened homes in her own riding.

Clark spoke near the Westside Road fire outside West Kelowna on Wednesday, where flames have forced emergency officials to issue evacuation orders to the residents of 70 homes.

It's one of 10 evacuation alerts or orders across the province, where more than 250 blazes are burning, 43 of which broke out on Tuesday following a series of lightning storms.

The premier said she is concerned that climate change has altered the terrain, drying out the land and making it more vulnerable to fire, and as a result what B.C. is seeing isn't unusual and will happen more often.

As of Wednesday, the province has spent more than $140 million battling the 1,300 wildfires that have broken out this season, and Clark said the province could spend another $300 million to $400 million this year if the pace continues.

She doesn't think the fires will put the province into a deficit, because the government ran a surplus of $1.7 billion last year and is expected to run a surplus again this coming fiscal year, Clark said.

"I am mostly concerned ... that the forest fire season won't give us a break and that we're going to see more homes threatened, more people's livelihood threatened, more forest resources lost." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Video not edited: Officials

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Driver on tape later died in jail cell from alleged suicide

Authorities in the U.S. say a patrol-car video showing the arrest of black motorist, who was later found dead in a jail cell, was not edited or manipulated.

The death of 28-year-old Sandra Bland, three days after she was arrested by a white law-enforcement officer during a heated confrontation over a minor traffic infraction, is the latest case to cast national attention on the interactions between police and minorities in the United States.

Officials say Bland hanged herself with a plastic garbage bag in her jail cell, a contention her family and supporters dispute. The video doesn't reveal what happened while she was in custody, but it depicts an emotional exchange in which the officer tried to drag Bland from her car, drew his stun gun and threatened her. The case has resonated on social media, with posts questioning the official account of the events.

DeWayne Charleston speaks at a Waller County Commissioners Court meeting about the jail cell death of Sandra Bland in Hempstead, Texas, on Wednesday. PAT SULLIVAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The video posted by the Texas Department of Public Safety Tuesday shows the trooper stopping Bland for failure to signal a lane change. The conversation turns hostile when

> **I will light you up.**
> Brian Encinia, state trooper, to the now-deceased woman

the officer asks Bland to put out her cigarette and she asks why she can't smoke in her own car. The trooper then orders Bland to get out of the vehicle. When she refuses, the officer pulls what appears to be a weapon and says, "I will light you up."

Out of the camera's view, Bland continues protesting her arrest, repeatedly using expletives and calling the officer a "pussy." At one point, she screams that he's about to break her wrists and complains that he knocked her head into the ground.

The video has drawn criticism for gaps and overlaps, but the Texas Department of Public Safety insisted Wednesday that it had not been doctored.

DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said that glitches in the recording occurred when it was uploaded for public viewing.

In an affidavit released Tuesday, the trooper, Brian Encinia, said he used force "to subdue Bland to the ground," and she continued to fight back. He also said Bland swung her elbows at him and kicked him in his right shin.

Encinia has been placed on administrative leave.

Bland was taken to a jail about 100 kilometres northwest of Houston on July 10 and found dead July 13. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GLOBAL HEALTH

MERS quelled: S. Korea

MERS-CoV (Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus) has claimed the lives of 36 people worldwide, while the South Korean government has told foreign diplomats the outbreak in the nation is effectively over.

The World Health Organization (WHO) reported the figure of 36 dead Wednesday, along with 186 people in the Republic of Korea and one person in China as having contracted the disease.

The South Korean government said no new MERS cases have been reported in more than two weeks and that it is now safe for travel.

The outbreak led thousands of tourists to cancel visits to South Korea, and Korean Air Lines Co Ltd. as well as Asiana Airlines Inc. whittled down their flight schedules. The companies said Tuesday they will resume normal operations early next month.

MERS-CoV is a strain of coronavirus that causes a viral respiratory illness called MERS. The disease was first reported in Saudi Arabia in September 2012, WHO said. METRO CANADA

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VATICAN CONFERENCE

Mayors to tackle poverty, climate change

Pope Francis THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mayors emboldened by an appeal from Pope Francis committed themselves Wednesday to a new set of UN goals to end poverty and promote sustainable development over the next 15 years.

Several dozen mayors from around the world, at the end of a two-day summit at the Vatican, unanimously adopted a declaration pledging to endorse the goals and work to implement them in their home cities.

World leaders are set to adopt the 17 "sustainable development goals" at a UN summit in September that will be opened by Francis. The goals commit leaders to end extreme poverty and hunger by 2030, ensure health care, education, access to water, sustainable energy and growth for all — and take urgent action to combat climate change.

The Vatican invited some 60 mayors (including Vancouver's Gregor Robertson) to the conference. Cities seem to be the key to tackling global warming: They account for two-thirds of the world's greenhouse-gas emissions, are drivers of the world economy and are expected to grow enormously in coming decades as the poor flock to urban centres in search of work.

The aim of the two-day meeting was to pressure national leaders to make solid commitments at the September UN development summit and climate negotiations in Paris later this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Bombs kill 26 in Iraq

BAGHDAD

Scores wounded in attacks on Shiite markets

A pair of car bombs exploded Wednesday at crowded markets in predominantly Shiite Baghdad neighbourhoods, killing at least 26 people and wounding 58, authorities said.

The first explosion took place in the impoverished neighbourhood of al-Bayaa in the southwestern sector of the Iraqi capital, a police official said. The blast killed at least 18 people and wounded 36, the official said.

Later in the day, a second car bomb detonated in the northeastern neighbourhood of al-Shaab, killing at least eight and wounding 22, police said.

Hospital officials corroborated the casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to brief journalists.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks. The Islamic State militant group frequently targets Shiite areas across the country, as well as military checkpoints and government installations. The radical Sunni group seeks to destabilize the Shiite-led government in Baghdad. The group, also known as ISIL or ISIS, holds roughly a third of Iraq and neighbouring Syria in their self-declared "caliphate."

Last Friday, the militant group attacked a popular market in Iraq's eastern Diyala province, killing 115 people — the majority of them Shiite — and wounding more than 170 in what was one of the largest single attacks in Iraq over the past decade.

Bombings occur almost daily in Baghdad, but violence has been relatively subdued in the capital since the height of sectarian violence in 2006 and 2007, when hundreds of people were killed across Iraq almost daily.

Large-scale military operations are currently underway in Iraq's western Anbar province and in Salahuddin province, north of Baghdad, as the Iraqi military and the government-sanctioned Popular Mobilization Forces attempt to reclaim territory in the country's Sunni heartland.

In New York, meanwhile, Jan Kubis told the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday that the United Nations is "very worried" at reports that desperate Iraqis are turning to the Islamic State for help. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CURRENCIES

Loonie falls to 2004 low

The Canadian dollar dropped to levels Wednesday not seen in more than a decade as the price of oil and gold both came under pressure.

The loonie was down 0.53 of a cent to 76.70 cents US. That's the lowest level since Sept. 1, 2004.

The dollar has been on a downward slide since last summer, when the price of oil started to weaken.

Oil prices dropped below the $50 US mark in trading Wednesday, settling at $49.19 US, while gold lost $12 US to fall to $1,091.50 US an ounce.

Compounding the loonie weakness was a decision by the Bank of Canada to cut its key interest rate last week. The central bank's overnight rate target stands at 0.5 per cent.

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Greece gets more cash

ECONOMY

Extra liquidity means people can continue to access funds

Greece's liquidity-starved banks got a new cash injection from the European Central Bank on Wednesday, hours before a key vote in parliament on further economic reforms demanded by international creditors in return for a third bailout.

A European banking official told The Associated Press the ECB decided to increase emergency liquidity to Greek banks by 900 million euros ($980 million US) — the second such cash injection in just under a week.

Fearing a run by depositors flocking to take their savings out of Greek banks, the government imposed capital controls more than three weeks ago, restricting daily withdrawals to 60 euros ($65 US) per account holder. Extra ECB liquidity means that Greek banks will still be able to hand out cash.

Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' radical left-led government is facing its second crunch test in parliament in a week. Failure to pass the economic measures could undermine his coalition and trigger fresh fears over the country's future in the shared euro currency.

Demonstrators stand in front of a banner reading No to Euro during an anti-austerity rally outside the Greek Parliament in Athens on Wednesday. GIANNIS PAPANIKOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The vote on changes to Greece's judicial and banking sectors is one of the requirements that European creditors have insisted upon in order for negotiations on a third bailout for Greece to begin.

After losing the support of a large chunk of his own party's lawmakers during a vote last week on a creditor-demanded austerity measures, Tsipras has to rely on support from pro-European opposition parties to pass measures.

Negotiations with creditors are expected to start soon after the vote.

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IN BRIEF

BlackBerry buying crisis alert messaging firm

BlackBerry Ltd. has signed a deal to buy California-based software company AtHoc, which develops emergency alert systems for government agencies, military bodies, and other organizations.

BlackBerry said the AtHoc platform will be integrated with its enterprise portfolio. AtHoc helps organizations and people to connect and share information in times of crisis. Its clients include the U.S. departments of defence and homeland security. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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URBAN ETIQUETTE: ELLEN VANSTONE ON TIPPING

THE QUESTION

I'm from Australia and don't understand your tipping ways up here. In the interests of fitting in, what do I need to know about tipping in Canada?

Dear Ellen,

I'm from Australia and I don't understand your tipping ways up here. Maybe because our minimum wage Down Under is higher than it is here? Anyways, in the interests of fitting in, what do I need to know about tipping in Canada?

— Skippy

Dear Skippy-and-I-know-that's-not-your-real-name,

No doubt you have heard of the World Wide Web, where I have just learned that your native land's minimum wage is an ultra-civilized $17.29 per hour, and where you could just as easily find out that standard tipping practice in North America is 15 to 20 per cent for serving staff, taxi drivers (except Uber, which includes the tip in the price), hairdressers and the like. So you don't need me to tell you the amount you should leave.

However, since you seem to want some advice, and since I love giving it, why don't I lecture you on the custom of tipping and how to approach it with the proper attitude?

The first thing you need to know is that tipping is an arcane, wildly-open-to-abuse, anti-democratic custom. It's supposed to reward people who provide good service and punish people who do not.

But that cold plate of congealed pasta your server just inflicted on you may or may not have been said server's fault: Maybe the drunk bastard cook in the kitchen forgot about it for 20 minutes or the manipulative cow who "manages" the restaurant assigned too many servers to one section, and not enough to your section. Or maybe a selfish, irresponsible server called in sick for like the 10th time this month and your server is now working a double shift, even though she is exhausted and has an exam the next day...

Those few coins will make a difference to the person who relies on tips in a country where the minimum wage is universally disgraceful.

I'm speaking theoretically, of course, and am not referring in any way to the various subpar establishments at which I slaved during my student days.

The point is, workers should be paid properly and not expected to rely on the kindness of strangers.

That being said, and as long as the vile custom of tipping continues, and as long as you yourself are gainfully employed, I encourage you to tip generously.

There is nothing more cringe-making than the spectre of a fully grown, well paid adult sitting at a table in a nice restaurant, or hunched in the back of a cab, madly deducting the tax and working out a 15 per cent tip to the penny while the "servant" meekly awaits a dollop of largesse. Ugh, it's like being caught in a really boring time-warp episode of Downton Abbey. Just round up the amount to the nearest dollar! Or even the nearest multiple of five if you can afford it.

You will never miss the extra toonie or two, but those few coins actually will make a difference to a person who relies on tips in a country where the minimum wage is universally disgraceful (ranging from $10.20 in Saskatchewan to $12.50 in the Northwest Territories).

What's more, studies show that generosity makes you happier and healthier. It's a win-win, Skippy. Welcome to our stingy shores. And please do feel free to send me a cash tip for the excellent service I have just provided.

Need advice?
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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

Howard's 'game' is narcissism, misogyny and simple delusion

Luke Howard, a self-styled pickup artist, stalks women in Ottawa's streets.

He calls himself a "Dr." and hypnotist who helps men with social anxiety talk to women in the daytime, without the aid of booze. He secretly records his attempts to get phone numbers on video.

In the wake of online backlash — via the hashtag #CorneredInOttawa, which women use to share stories about him on Twitter and Tumblr— Howard has taken the videos down and issued a limp mea culpa. He wrote, word for word, "I have started conversations with hundreds of women in public places and if as few felt uncomfortable then you are genuinely and truly sorry."

The media, as it must, has taken his man-hero routine somewhat seriously. And I'll grant that it's not wrong, on face, to help others improve their social skills.

But let's get this straight: Everything about Howard is wrong.

He's lied. He said 99.9 per cent of women like his advances. So far, 24 women have complained about the way he approached them on the street, say #CorneredInOttawa organizers. At least one has filed a police report. Layla, 33, didn't want to give her last name for fear she'd be trolled online.

"Giving a woman a compliment in the street is not harassment," Howard wrote. But Layla said Howard told her she looks like Tracy Chapman (she does not) and that he's "always had a thing for Tracy Chapman, I've always wanted to f—k Tracy Chapman" before he referenced jerking off.

Howard said he doesn't corner women, but Layla told me every time she took a step, he took a step. She felt trapped and afraid to get aggressive.

Howard is ineffective. Some women say they spoke nicely to him, hoping he'd go away. Layla made up a fake boyfriend. Some gave him their phone number so he'd leave them alone, and then never responded to calls or text messages.

He's making it harder for others to have non-creepy encounters. "He's the exact reason why women don't like being approached in the daytime, and might miss out on actually normal dudes," Layla told me. "My guard goes up just from a guy asking an innocuous question."

Finally, Howard said he's "always been about love and connection and bringing people closer together." But we all know picking up is just about sex, a highly unlikely outcome of his methods.

So, guys, do not take notes. Howard's "daygame" has no game, just narcissism, misogyny and delusion.

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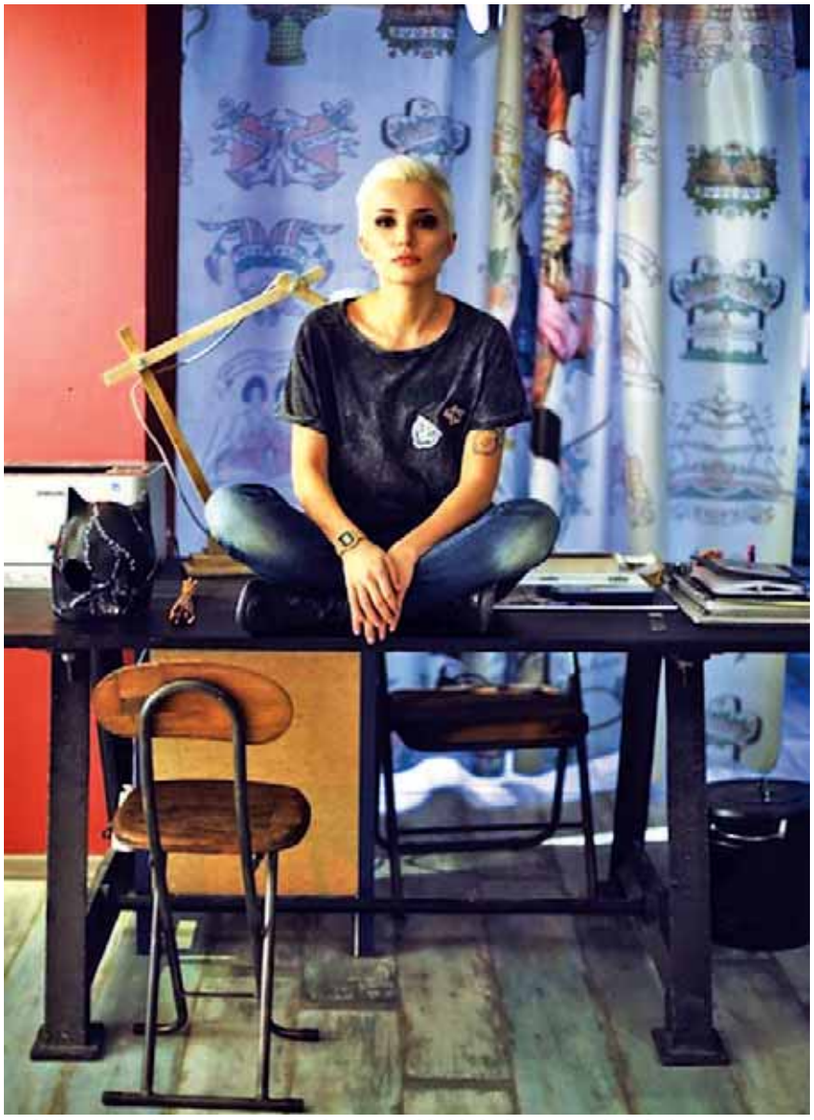

Turkish tattoo artist Eva Karabudak is known worldwide for her cross stitch designs. CONTRIBUTED

Stitchin' tattoos

EMBROIDERY ON SKIN

Even grandma would approve of these tats

Emily Laurence
Metro in New York

Maybe it's because of Etsy. Maybe it's because of those NSFW cross stitch pillows taking over Pinterest. Whatever the reason, cross stitch tattoos are having a moment.

Eva Karabudak is a Turkish tattoo artist who has become world famous for mastering the trend. "I used to do cross stitch on canvas and cloth at home and decided to do tattoos out of it," she tells us, adding that she first tried it out on friends and then got hooked on it.

"It's an anchor back to a lot of people's childhoods. That's why I believe it gets noticed," she says. But before you decide to get one, Karabudak says you have to do your research. "Not all images or ideas can be applied to a cross stitch design. It all starts with a thought, and that should be carefully studied before going into design."

Nicole May, 38, is a tattoo artist at Tiki Town Tattoos in Calgary and says she definitely has seen cross stitch tattoos becoming increasingly popular. "I see a lot of subversive cross stitch on Etsy and I feel like it is something a lot of young people are picking up as a hobby. Cross stitch tattoos have become popular along with the general trend of cross stitch," she says.

If you want to get a cross stitch tattoo, her biggest tip is to find an artist who actually cross stitches as a hobby. "They'll have a better understanding of design layout and execution," May says.

3 CROSS STITCH INKED WEARERS

"I own a cross stitch business called Hatch605. I manage a modern makers gift store, so I am around makers all day. When people see my tattoo, I typically get reactions from older generations because it evokes a nostalgic feeling. To me, it's a way to help keep traditional art alive."
Name: Ashley Rieck
Age: 31
Occupation: Manager of Unglued in South Dakota

"A fellow tattoo artist and I wanted to figure out how to do a cross stitch tattoo. We are both very crafty with crocheting and cross stitching, so it just made sense. It's challenging to tattoo and we wanted to experiment, so I let her try it out on me!"
Name: Crystal Balser
Age: 35
Occupation: Owner of MOD Tattoo in Ottawa, a completely vegan studio

"I love to cross stitch. I have a small home business where I custom cross stitch family portraits. On all the portraits I include a red heart that floats over the family. It's my signature. People find my tattoo very unique. The most reoccurring compliment I get is how much it suits me."
Name: Brittany Wiebe
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BEAUTY

New clown-face inspired makeup trend goes viral

First came contouring, then came strobing, and now the clowns have arrived.

"Clown contouring" is the latest trend to take off in the beauty world, and though it might sound like a joke, it is a pretty effective makeup technique.

The phenomenon started earlier in the summer when beauty blogger BellaDeLune posted a video to YouTube showing how an extreme-looking theatrical clown base of makeup could be blended into a subtly contoured look.

Beauty lovers everywhere have since pounced on the idea and women all over the world are now testing it out and showing off the results on Instagram.

KEEPING THINGS TONGUE IN CHEEK

Wackier touches include recreating a poop emoji on your face and then blending it away

The process requires setting out triangular panels with 'teardrops' under the eyes, before adding a bold circle of bright pink blush and crudely over exaggerating the lip area.

Makeup is fun and it's a way of expressing yourself

Beauty blogger BellaDeLune

A before-and-after look from the Clown Color Correct Highlight & Contour video. YOUTUBE

It started out as a bit of fun, but the idea comes from a poignant place.

"Even though you don't need this amount of makeup or any makeup at all to look beautiful, let's face it, makeup is fun and it's a way of expressing yourself," explains BellaDeLune in her video.

She adds: "I cannot tell you how many times I've been called a clown and been called many other names and been hated on because of the way that I use this art form."

Clown contouring sees classic highlighting and contouring techniques used on the nose and forehead.

The fun has rolled over onto Instagram, where women have been posting videos and pictures of their own attempts — some serious and others less so.

But BellaDeLune has started something, and several tutorials have cropped up on YouTube ever since her original post, including a step-by-step serious instruction film by SmashinBeauty and one by makeup artist Wayne Goss demonstrating the effect on men.

Bustle has also posted a hilarious video of its editors trying out the look on themselves.

Whether this trend is here to stay or not remains to be seen, but it's good to remember that when it comes to beauty, a little clowning around never hurt anyone.

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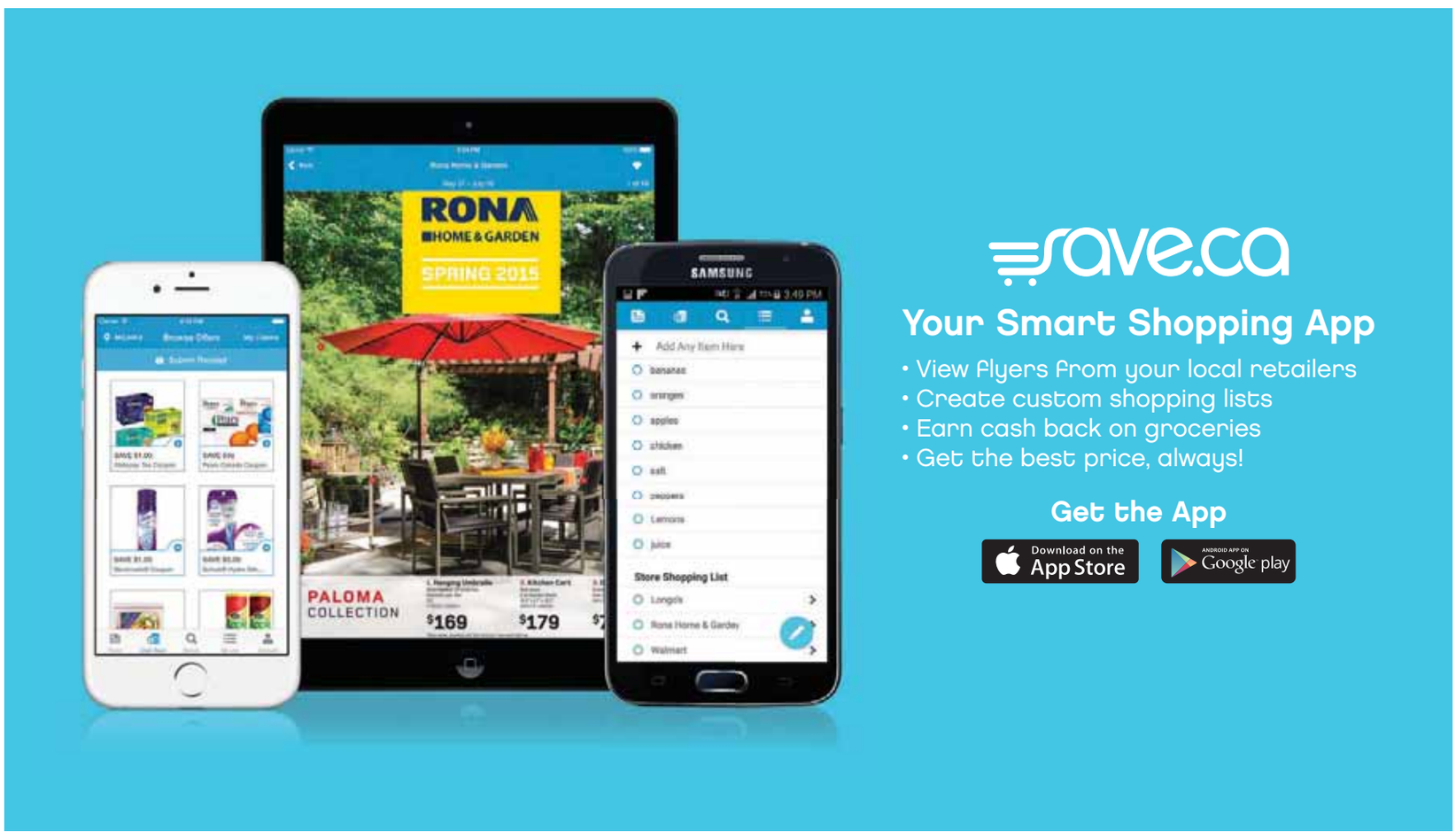

Colouring as meditation

BOOKS

Adults mindfully stay in the lines in latest publishing craze

Adult colouring books are giving Harper Lee a run for the money on bestseller lists this summer.

Dover Publications has sold more than 3 million adult colouring books with titles like Flower Fashion Fantasies.

Quarto Publishing will have 1.3 million in print this year. Secret Garden: An Inky Treasure Hunt, by one of the genre's most popular illustrators, Johanna Basford, remains a top seller on Amazon two years after its initial publication.

In fact, adult colouring books occupied as many of eight of the top 20 slots in a spot-check of Amazon's best-seller list recently.

"We cannot print them fast enough," said Amy Yodanis, Quarto's head of marketing. "We are getting orders of 60,000 at one time from some of our biggest retailers."

Mandalas, perhaps because they are known to be meditative to begin with (Karl Jung apparently started every morning by colouring the sacred circles), are especially popular subjects, but you can find everything from fairies to cities to books featuring NSFW adult content.

There are colouring clubs, colouring contests and a frenzy of colouring posts on social media. BuzzFeed and Upworthy have both given the trend positive press and Dover plans a national colouring book day on Aug. 2.

"People are stressed and anxious all the time," said Jeannine Dillon, Quarto's publisher. "Colouring is a way to calm down and unwind at the end of the day."

But art therapy is not the only reason colouring has taken off. As hobbies go, colouring books are incredibly simple: portable, easy to pick up and put down, old-school analog pursuits with no batteries or messages, no calorie-counting, skill-building, classes or scores.

And the finished product is perfect for minimalists. Pottery and paintings demand shelf and wall space; knitted scarves cry out to be worn or bestowed as gifts. But a coloured-in page takes up almost no space at all (unless you frame it).

I can attest to the trend's allure. I've been spending my spare moments colouring a book called Splendid Cities: Color Your Way to Calm.

Not that I've got much to show for my work. It took me more than two months to complete a single page of Splendid Cities because I never spent much time on it in one sitting.

I'd colour during a stressful moment at the office or at home, or use it as a break from a complicated or boring task, or to transition between tasks.

My longest stretch colouring was an hour while awaiting delivery of time-sensitive documents that I feared were lost.

Colouring distracted me from worrying about something I couldn't control or fix. I channelled the book's subtitle, Color Your Way to Calm, and could feel anxious thoughts waning as I concentrated on the picture. Colouring required just enough attention to disrupt the obsessive loop playing in my mind.

It wasn't so much relaxation as immersion in something else.

When every space was coloured in, I started over, rubbing crayon over pencil, pencil over crayon, mixing colours to make new ones and layering for a mottled effect.

Jason Keyser, 42, a stay-at-home dad from a suburb of Sacramento, Calif., picked up the hobby a year ago in a program to help him with anxiety and depression after a friend passed away.

"I've been doing it ever since," said Keyser, who placed third in a colouring contest for a picture he completed from Dover's Asian Tattoo Designs. "It's really relaxing," he said. "Takes your mind away from stressful things in life."

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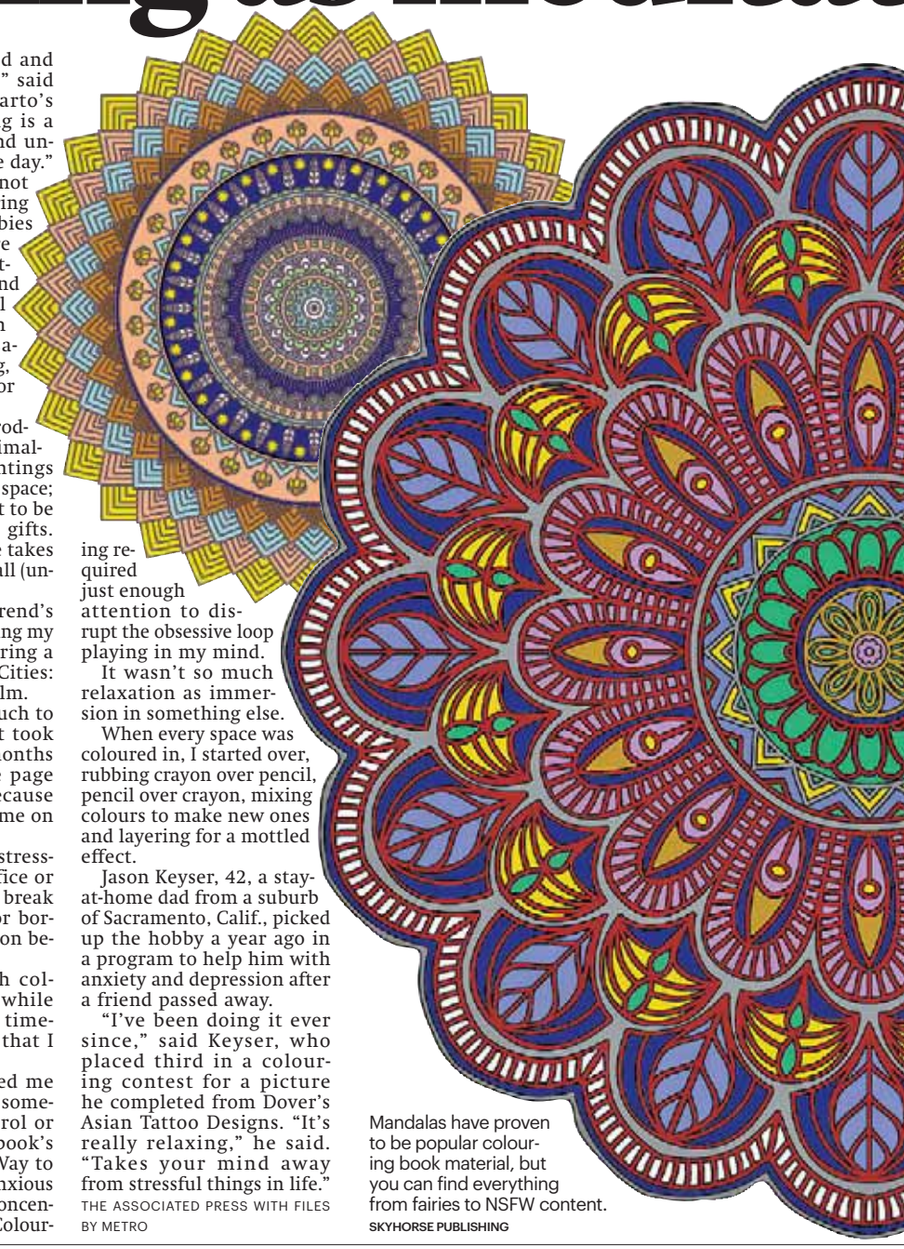

Mandalas have proven to be popular colouring book material, but you can find everything from fairies to NSFW content.
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THREE TO TRY

Mandalas: Coloring for Artists

Mandala images are traditionally meditative (and often porn free), so a colouring book filled with these images is highly apropos. This one has full colour images of the spiritual circles that you can use for inspiration, bars to create your own palettes and perforated pages for easy display. METRO

Creative Coloring Inspirations

This book suggests that you can use whatever medium you'd like, and features messages meant to inspire on every page, like "Go for it" and "Follow your heart."

The Mindfulness Coloring Book: Anti-Stress Art Therapy for Busy People

This pocket-sized option is good for colour meditation on-the-go, and features cute, original drawings that include abstract geometrics, myriad florals and cats. METRO

GROOMING TRENDS

Hair: Grow it, flow it, flaxen, waxin'

While Ginnifer Goodwin and Kelly Ripa both recently unveiled boldly dyed locks, other women are broadening the boundaries with colourfully tinted hair above and below the belt.

Once Upon A Time star Goodwin showcased her grey pixie cut at Comic-Con International in San Diego, while talk show host Ripa revealed her bright blue bob on Instagram.

But there are a rainbow's worth of options for those seeking a less visible hair colour experiment.

Wax Hair Removal Bar offers bikini tints in hues like pink, green, red and orange. Keeping in step with the "something borrowed" bridal tradition, blue is a popular option during wedding season, noted founder Luba Sasowski. Sasowski said tinting is favoured by older clients not opting for full Brazilian waxes who are seeking grey coverage.

The company also offers a pair of sparkling post-wax options: the application of Swarovski crystals down below.

Some women are ditching their razors and eschewing waxing to let their body hair flow freely. Pop star Miley Cyrus has proudly flaunted her coloured armpits on social media. Girls star Jemima Kirke has also made headlines for flashing hairy underarms on the red carpet.

New York-based beauty historian Rachel Weingarten said for nearly every generation of women, beauty trends have evolved in part as a form of rebellion — and coloured body hair is no different.

"What seems so outrageous to us ... 'Oh my gosh, she has aqua underarm hair,' you have to understand that in the '70s someone having long hair and no makeup was as shocking and rebellious. It's our historical perspective that makes things just as interesting as they are," said Weingarten. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ginnifer Goodwin rocks icy coloured hair look.
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Legend's descendants reissue big-game tale

GREEN HILLS OF AFRICA

Hemingway's family urges fresh look at primal thriller

Eighty years after the release of Green Hills of Africa, the son and grandson of Ernest Hemingway are urging a fresh look at a work critics have often set aside.

Published in 1935, Green Hills of Africa was Hemingway's account of a hunting safari on the Serengeti Plains, a chronicle of adventure and a literary challenge Hemingway set up for himself. Anticipating by decades Truman Capote's "non-fiction novel," the classic In Cold Blood, Hemingway wanted to prove that "an absolutely true book" can "compete with a work of the imagination."

The new edition is part of a series authorized by the Hemingway estate that already includes reissues of A Moveable Feast, The Sun Also Rises and A Farewell to Arms. Grandson Sean Hemingway contributes an introduction, while son Patrick Hemingway, a boy at the time his parents were in Africa, shares personal memories. The book also includes photographs, early drafts of the finished narrative and a diary kept by the author's then wife, Pauline Pfeiffer.

"She's not a person who's well known, so it's wonderful to have a sustained piece of writing by her," Sean Hemingway said recently of his grandmother, the second of Ernest Hemingway's four wives. "It's also a wonderful complement to my grandfather's work."

Author Ernest Hemingway and his wife Pauline Pfeiffer arrive in New York aboard an ocean liner in 1934, following a three-month vacation in eastern Africa hunting lions. AP/FILE PHOTO

As Pfeiffer's diaries reveal, Green Hills of Africa was not entirely factual. The author rearranged some chronology and minimized a bout of dysentery so severe that he had to be flown out of the area. Pfeiffer's journal also describes a near-tragedy — the author's rifle fell off a car and fired — that inspired Hemingway's classic short story The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber, in which the title character is killed by a sudden blast from his wife's gun.

In the decade before Green Hills of Africa, the story collection In Our Time and the novels The Sun Also Rises and A Farewell to Arms had made Hemingway one of the world's most famous authors. Critics have viewed Green Hills of Africa, written while he was in his mid-30s, as an early sign of his legend overtaking his work. Edmund Wilson, who had been a leading champion of Hemingway, despaired that the author in his non-fiction persona had become a bloated parody, Ernest Hemingway, the Old Master of Key West.

"Something dreadful seems to happen to Hemingway as soon as he begins to write in the first person," Wilson wrote. "Among his creations, he is certainly his own worst-drawn character, and he is his own worst commentator. His very prose style goes to pot."

More recently, Green Hills of Africa has been criticized for its detailed catalogue of animal slaughter and for its reduction of Africa and Africans to backdrops for the author's personal experiences.

Sean Hemingway acknowledged that parts of Green Hills might be uncomfortable for modern readers, but noted that the book had inspired many people's interest in Africa — his own included — and provided a snapshot not just of the author in his physical prime but of a historical moment.

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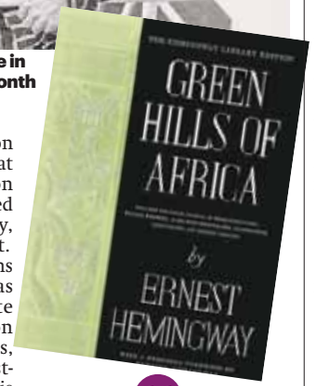

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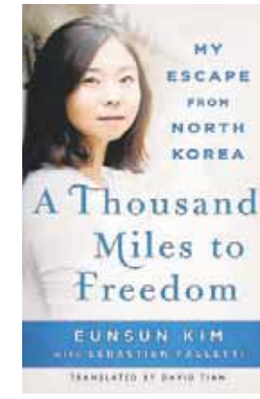
Writer Edmund Wilson

JOURNEY

Escape from slavery, pain and starvation

Here in the West, it's easy to take freedom for granted. But Eunsun Kim, a North Korean refugee, wakes up every day thanking God she is, finally, a free woman. When she was just 11 years old, Kim, her mother and sister started a journey to escape totalitarian North Korea. It took them nine years to find safety. Kim's memoir, A Thousand Miles To Freedom is her powerful and shocking account.



Leaving home

When Kim was a child, her family was affected by the famine taking place in North Korea at the time. After her father died of starvation, her mom decided they should leave home, even though they had to live on the streets. "We slept anywhere we could, under bridges or market display stalls," Kim tells us. "We usually ate 'speed cake,' which is a mixture of water and cornmeal. It only takes two minutes to make and just a little bit makes you feel full."

Kim says during these dark times, finding their next meal consumed all their thoughts. Other than where their next meal might come from, they didn't talk much.

Sold into slavery

After making it out of North Korea and into China, a seemingly nice woman offered them shelter. She suggested Kim's mother marry a Chinese man to have legal residency. Not seeing an alternative, she agreed even though the man was a stranger and hideous looking. They did not know the woman was offered money from the man, essentially selling the women as slaves.

"Even though human trafficking is illegal in China, there are many old, poor, disabled men in small villages and these men want to use their money to buy North Korean women because it is much easier than finding a Chinese woman to marry," Kim says. "There is a continued demand for North Korea women, and the traffickers supply these women for money."

Though they now had food and shelter, they were treated badly by Kim's mother's new husband. He berated her until she became pregnant with his son. Eventually, the three women left and escaped to South Korea, where they live today.

Life now

Kim now attends college in South Korea, is married to another refugee and is expecting her first child. "When I was in North Korea or China, I never dreamed that I could have a life like today. Even though we had to go through so much, I am pleased with my life now."

Her mother works in a restaurant, which is hard work yet work she is thankful to have. "I am now a free woman, which is the most important thing in one's life," Kim says. "This is the most satisfying thing I have."

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MILLENIUM SERIES

Lisbeth's story gets webbier

David Lagerkrantz's The Girl in the Spider's Web, the continuation of Stieg Larsson's Millennium series, is due out next month, with a few plot details just revealed.

MacLehose Press is the first to give a peek into the book, details of which have been under global embargo.

According to The Bookseller, the book focuses on returning characters Lisbeth Salander and Mikael Blomkvist, who are contacted by a renowned scientist, Professor Balder, whose life is in danger and who wants Millennium to publish his story.

Blomkvist learns that Balder has been working with Salander, who has become the target of cyber gangsters known as The Spiders as she tries to hack into the U.S. National Security Agency.

The Girl in the Spider's Web, translated from Swedish by George Goulding, will release Aug. 27 in hardcover.

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BOOK NOTES

Celebs drop Cosby bio

The publisher of a disparaged Bill Cosby biography has pulled blurbs from Billy Crystal, Mary Tyler Moore and other celebrities from dedicated web pages on Amazon.com due to "recent events," according to Simon & Schuster executive director of publicity Cary Goldstein.

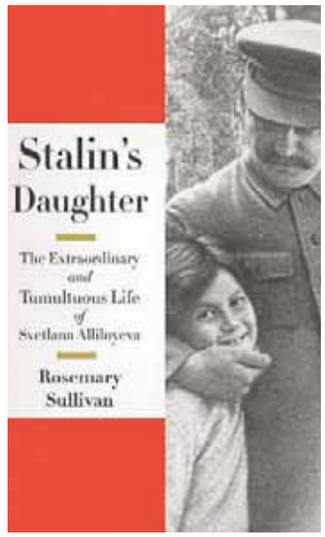
Mark Whitaker's Cosby came out last September to positive reviews but was soon heavily criticized for overlooking the many sexual assault allegations against the actor. AP

5 BIOGRAPHIES & MEMOIRS TO READ THIS SUMMER

This fall promises to be rich in memoirs and biographies, with titles forthcoming from musicians Elvis Costello, Carrie Brownstein and Patti Smith, actress Drew Barrymore and Canadian sports figures Clara Hughes and Colleen Jones. But if waiting for the leaves to turn doesn't appeal, here are five new books out this summer to tide you over. SUE CARTER/METRO

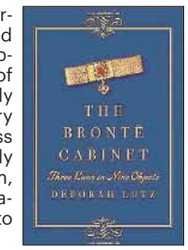
History

When it comes to research, no one can accuse Toronto author **Rosemary Sullivan** of being a slacker. The Governor General's Literary Award winner travelled around the world, interviewing personal contacts and studying government documents to create her in-depth portrait of Svetlana Alliluyeva (known later as Lana Peters), the only daughter of Russian dictator Joseph Stalin. In **Stalin's Daughter: The Extraordinary and Tumultuous Life of Svetlana Alliluyeva**, we learn that Alliluyeva's complex relationship with her father was just one of the driving forces behind a volatile life filled with political upheaval and troubled relationships.



Literature

The Brontë sisters have inspired numerous biographies, but American writer and historian **Deborah Lutz** takes a unique approach by selecting nine artifacts out of hundreds left behind by Charlotte, Emily and Anne, including mourning jewelry containing snippets of hair and a brass dog collar. Given that Lutz has previously dedicated books to Victorian eroticism, gothic villains and relics of death in literature, **The Brontë Cabinet** is guaranteed to be a fascinating read.



Sports

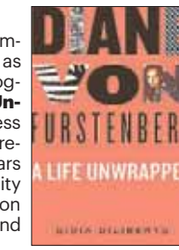
New Yorker enthusiasts will appreciate **William Finnegan's** perspective on riding the waves. A 30-year contributor to the magazine, Finnegan has been surfing for even longer, since arriving in California from Hawaii at the age of 13 during the 1960s heyday of LSD-glazed beach-bum culture. Part international travelogue, part personal investigation into the nature of obsession, **Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life** will appeal even to those who prefer keeping their feet on dry land.

Music

Is there anything more to say about Bob Dylan that hasn't been written in Rolling Stone? Guitarist and music historian **Elijah Wald** believes there is, having recently authored **Dylan Goes Electric!: Newport, Seeger, Dylan and the Night that Split the Sixties.** For his biography of the gravel-voiced troubadour, Wald focuses on the moment at the 1965 Newport Folk Festival when Dylan transformed from a political acoustic-folk hero into a bona fide rock star backed by an electric band.

Fashion

Diane von Furstenberg's name is synonymous with her signature wrap dress, but as Gioia Diliberto describes in the new biography, **Diane von Furstenberg: A Life Unwrapped,** the jet-setting former princess is also a feminist icon and savvy entrepreneur who's weathered more than 40 years in a tough business (and a terrible reality show). Bonus: salacious details about von Furstenberg's affairs with Warren Beatty and Richard Gere.



CELEBRITY COOKBOOK

Celebutante cooks up new book

After teaching girls how to master beach-tousled, California waves, winged eyeliner and the at-home manicure, celebutante Lauren Conrad will be teaching her legions of fans how to host dinner parties and cook crowd-pleasing recipes with a new cookbook.

Though details are sparse, it seems the book, Lauren Conrad Celebrate, will be published by HarperCollins and published April 5, 2016.

Conrad, best known for her appearances on the U.S. reality series The Hills and Laguna Beach, parlayed her fame into a highly successful lifestyle brand that includes the publication of eight books — six fictionalized novels based on her life as a reality TV star and two style guides — as well as a dominant presence on social media.

On Instagram, Conrad boasts 4.3 million followers and on Pinterest she has amassed more than 972,600 followers.

Judging by recipes featured in the "dine" section of her website, the cookbook could be a mix of healthy, silhouette-conscious dishes as well as more decadent recipes for entertaining.

Current recipes on the site include jalapeno poppers and chimichurri skirt steak, cold buckwheat soba noodle salad, spicy quinoa and cinnamon sugar churro cake.

Meanwhile, Conrad's BFF Lo Bosworth has also spun off her reality TV stardom into an albeit lesser-known beauty and lifestyle brand called The LoDown that includes beauty, fashion and food guides.

For more street cred, however, Bosworth enrolled in a farm-to-table cooking program at the International Culinary Center in New York in 2013 as part of a bigger plan to direct the food content of The Revelry House, a party planning site.

Other former reality TV stars to get their own cookbooks include Kris Jenner, the Kardashian family matriarch and New York Real Housewife Teresa Guidice.

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Lauren Conrad will release her new book, Lauren Conrad Celebrate, in April 2016.

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ROMANCE

Jonas deflects dating rumours

IN HOLLYWOOD
Ned Ehrbar

Nick Jonas is getting pretty good at deflecting dating rumours — but then given his romantic history, that's not surprising.

The latest speculation hounding the former Disney star? That he's spending time with Selena Gomez. When pressed on the subject during an interview with London's Capital FM, Jonas sets the record straight: "We kind of ran into each other a couple of weeks ago, like walking in Venice," he says. "We were both with separate groups of friends and we ran into each other."

Seems innocent enough. Anything else, Nick? "I put a dinner together with a bunch of really great people, like the Haim girls, who I love. They're awesome. They're the best," Jonas says.

"It was a big group of people and we all had a great time. We connect in that sense. It was nice to connect and just catch up. I'll leave it there." Oh my God, guys. Nick Jonas is dating all of his friends at once!

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Theron denies she's set to star in Fifty Shades sequel, Fifty Shades Darker. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Theron's red carpet domination

MOVIES

Rumours have Theron cracking the whip in a Fifty Shades sequel

So apparently there's been a pretty persistent rumour that Oscar-winner Charlize Theron is going to star in the Fifty Shades of Grey sequel, Fifty Shades Darker, as Christian Grey's former lover who first schooled him in the kinky arts.

Ridiculous? Well, Theron herself certainly seems to think so. "I hadn't heard that one. Wow, I'm just learning so much about myself on this carpet tonight," she told E! News at the Dark Places premiere this week.

Even if she were involved, she'd apparently be more interested in replacing Jamie Dornan, anyway. "I'm going to play the kinky guy with the room," she joked. "I need to stretch. I need to find something outside the box."

OK, fine, but speaking of sequels, how about a Mad Max: Fury Road followup?

"Nobody has come to tell me anything. I haven't been in town, so I don't know what's going on. There's a lot of talk about it. I don't know if it's real," she said. "Look, I would be honoured to be asked back, but I have no idea what's going to happen."

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ROMANCE

Swank's love game

There's some joke in here about always fraternizing with the help. Oscar-winner Hilary Swank — who previously dated her talent agent — has reportedly now taken up with her "hunky" tennis coach, Ruben Torres.

"When he first asked her out, she was lukewarm, but after a couple of dates things just got hotter and hotter," a source tells Life & Style. "It's really hard for them to keep it a secret."

Not that they haven't been trying, mind you, as the source says that over the course of their three months together they've been "staying away from PDA and only holding hands under the table."

Well, so much for that.

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LOVE AND SEXISM IN HOLLYWOOD

Thompson's sexism update

She may be an Oscar-winning screenwriter, but actress Emma Thompson is keeping her language simple — and salty — when it comes to Hollywood sexism.

"I am not impressed at all. I think it's still completely s—, actually," she tells the Radio Times. "When I was younger, I really did think we were on our way to a better world, and when I look at it now, it is in a worse state than I have known it — particularly for women — and I find that very disturbing and sad. I don't think there's any appreciable improvement and I think that, for women, the question of how they are supposed to look is worse than it was even when I was young." NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO

Shelton and Lambert make divorce Twitter-official

In these plugged-in modern times, how do you really know a celebrity couple's marriage is over? It's not the joint statement announcing a divorce.

No, it's how they interact with each other on social media. And if that's any indication, then Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert are really, truly over. Lambert swapped out a red carpet photo of the pair on her Twitter profile in favour of one promoting her current tour, while Shelton replaced his background image — Lambert's Marie Clare cover — with one of him performing. There's no turning back now.

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Lowrise wood-frame houses give way to modern towers

CONDO TRENDS

Duncan McAllister

We are living in a momentous period of Toronto's history, as we witness the complete transformation of North America's fourth-largest metropolis into a new urban centre. Almost every city block seems to be under some degree of construction at the moment.

Long ago, Toronto was disparagingly referred to as Hogtown. The financial capital of the Dominion of Canada was architecturally understated and provincial. Post-Second World War saw an influx of immigrants who built the thousands of lowrise wood-frame houses that lined our residential streets.

Highrises started appearing in the 1960s. The new condos of the time were located along newly minted subway lines, offering modern conveniences for single, downtown office workers. New amenities like range hoods, saunas and underground parking ushered in a new form of urban housing. New projects like St. James Town and Crescent Town were the epitome of modern apartment living.

The 1970s retro style of civic architecture — prefab concrete buildings like the Science Centre, the Robarts Library and even the CN tower — had an influence on residential highrise design. The beginning of the '80s saw the first real condos in Toronto. Many venerable pioneers are still standing today, like Harbour Square, Palace Pier and the Summit. People at the time wondered, who would pay that much to live in an apartment?

Toronto has grown substantially since then, becoming the international destination that it is today. Toronto builders are certainly not afraid to produce radical buildings. Take, for example, the twisty, shapely forms of the Absolute Towers in Mississauga, designed by Beijing architectural firm MAD — a radical departure from the mundane, boxy condo designs of the past.

The Residences at RCMI by Tribute Communities, located on University Avenue, was previously the site of the Royal Canadian Military Institute's headquarters. The 42-storey condo tower was designed by Ziedler Partnership Architects and houses the new home and museum of the RCMI on its lower floors.

Construction crews work to hoist the two-storey SkyBridge aloft at Concord Cityplace. COURTESY CONCORD ADEX

The Residences at RCMI condo tower on University Avenue. COURTESY TRIBUTE COMMUNITIES

The twisting, flowing forms of the twin Absolute Towers in Mississauga. COURTESY MAD ARCHITECTS

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"It's a really urban prospect, with small units close to the core, close to public transportation." says Toronto architectural designer Ricky Mugford. "The suites themselves are laid out very modern and very clean with lots of sliding walls and floor-to-ceiling glass."

Another architectural marvel is the SkyBridge at Concord CityPlace. Concord Adex and PCL Constructors performed the sophisticated lifting process, elevating the structure to the 28th-floor level, suspended between the 38- and 43-storey Parade towers. The two-storey SkyBridge is the length of a Boeing 737 jet and has changed the Toronto skyline forever.

HIGHRISE HOMES

Things looking up — way up — in a booming Markham

Bryan Tuckey

The City of Markham is the largest of York Region's nine municipalities with more than 342,000 residents and close to 10,000 businesses, and it's continuing to experience growth. New communities are being planned and constructed, new parks are emerging and new businesses are setting up shop — and residents are watching their neighbourhoods change and evolve to accommodate the growth.

Many of the 100,000 people and 50,000 jobs that choose the GTA as their home every single year zone in on Markham. Numerous new communities under construction illustrate the growth that is underway and residents can choose among lowrise homes like detached, semi-detached and townhomes, as well as highrise homes.

At a panel discussion hosted by the Markham Public Library, BILD member Shadi Aghaei, vice-president of Times Group Corporation and BILD's Green Builder of the Year in 2013, spoke to the benefits of living in a highrise community. She told the group of 40 residents that there is a "sense of community" just like in a lowrise community. Nearby residents also benefit from new development, she said, explaining that new parks, improved streetscapes and new businesses are built for all to enjoy.

Shadi provided the new home industry perspective as part of the first of three public events at the library. This one was called Real Estate Investing — Hot Trends in the Markham Market. She said one of the barriers to home ownership is the increasing cost. Development charges, a government tax, amount to 16 per cent of the cost of a new highrise home in Markham, she told the group. As the cost of land, construction materials and labour continue to increase, it is difficult to balance the cost of building new homes with the prices the market will bear, she added.

The price gap between a new highrise home and a new lowrise home is growing and it's a direct result of public policy. Lowrise prices are increasing because demand is far outpacing supply and the supply cannot increase because development-ready land that is serviced with sewers and roads has been limited by provincial legislation and local plans and policies.

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What's hot on the market

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1 MIDTOWN

Summer party: The Art Shoppe condos and lofts is holding a pre-construction party at Yonge and Eglinton. Head over to the presentation centre at 2131 Yonge St., on July 25 from 12 to 3 p.m.
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2 MIDTOWN

Now registering: Pemberton Group is introducing the south tower at Citylights on Broadway, a new condo development at 99 Broadway Ave., in the Yonge and Eglinton area.
CONTACT: 416-546-6605, CITYLIGHTSCONDOS.CA

3 ETOBICOKE

Open house: Several condo suites will be shown this weekend at Beyond the Sea, a new development at Lake Shore and Park Lawn. Check it out at 15 Legion Rd., on July 25 from 2 to 4 p.m.
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Project overview

This new, contemporary condominium development at Toronto's first neighbourhood is designed by architect Peter Clewes. The two towers will rise 26 storeys and be joined by a street-level, 14-storey podium featuring 10 floors of luxury amenities.

Building amenities

The facilities will include a gym with cardio and weight rooms, a library and media lounge, outdoor lounge and pool, a theatre and party room with chef's kitchen. Many of the suites will have terraces and feature hardwood floors and stainless steel appliances.

Location and transit

This building is transit central: There's access to the TTC King streetcar. It's a short walk to the subway and Union Station, GO Transit, VIA Rail and the Union Pearson Express. Billy Bishop Airport is nearby, as well as the Gardiner Expressway and Don Valley Parkway.

In the neighbourhood

There's lots to see and do here, with St. Lawrence Market, Rogers Centre, Air Canada Centre, Sony Centre, gourmet restaurants, boutiques and nightclubs right there. St. Michael's Hospital and George Brown College are within walking distance.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

What: 158 Front St.
Builder: Cityzen Development and Fernbrook Homes
Architect: Peter Clewes, architectsAlliance
Designer: Peter Clewes
Location: Front Street East and Sherbourne Street
Building: Two towers rising 26 storeys with approx. 400 suites
Sizes: From 443 to 1,054 sq. ft.
Pricing: Starting at $289,900
Suites: One bedroom, one bedroom plus den, two bedroom, two bedroom plus den, three bedroom, three bedroom plus den
Occupancy: 2018
Status: Pre-registration
Sales Centre: Coming soon to 22 The Esplanade
Hours: By appointment only until grand opening
Info: 647-351-0158
Info: 158front.com

ADVICE

Review rules on parking spot

LEGAL MATTERS
Jeffrey Cowan

Q: Our townhouse comes with a parking space. We have a car and a motorcycle in our spot, which both fit fine, and causes no problems with neighbours or impedes on the use of the lot at all. One day, while we were out and our car was not in the spot, one of the local kids knocked over the motorcycle. We told the landlord — simply as an FYI — and he insisted that we were breaking the rules and the motorcycle shouldn't have been there at all. He is now forcing us to pay for an underground spot because the "open spot is not for motorcycles."

There are no specifications in the lease regarding what vehicles are allowed in the spot, or anything mentioning that there can only be one vehicle in the spot. That being said, at the time of the incident, there was only one vehicle in the spot. Should we fight this or is there some unwritten precedent that we're missing?

A: You are correct in reviewing the lease to see if there are any restrictions on what can be parked in the allotted parking spot. Assuming that the lease does include specific mention of a parking spot and no restrictions, I can't see any reason why you would be forced to move the motorcycle. The only other thing you may need to look into is if the condominium corporation, of which your townhome would be part, has restrictions on what can and cannot be parked in the spot. If you are restricted, under those rules and regulations then you may have no choice but to rent a second spot.

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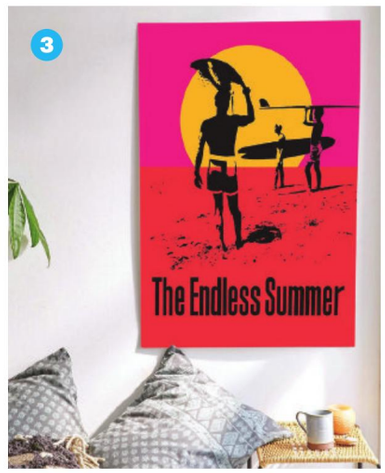
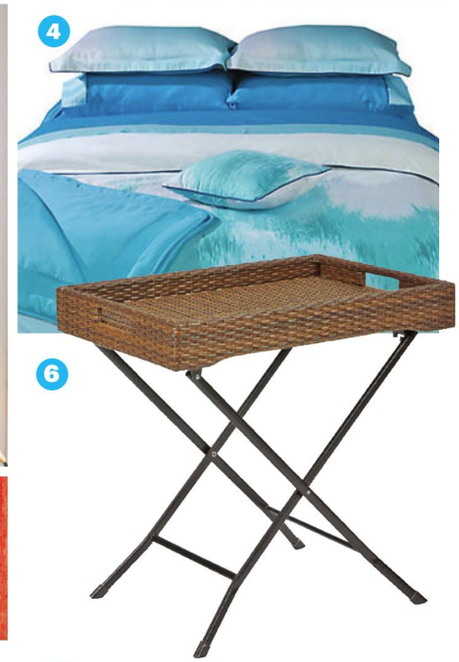
Take a cue from the Golden Girls

DESIGN CENTRE
Karl Lohnes

Decorate with cool colours, fresh white and nautical themes to help prolong our short Canadian summer.

Within two months summer will be gone. Alberta may see snow flurries in the air, Nova Scotia will say goodbye to the sun and the rest of us will be dry cleaning our winter jackets in preparation for the long winter ahead. Why not make the inside of your home a celebration of summer that lasts all year long? Perhaps a guest or bath room could hold the theme of summer (without affecting the rest of your decor); or you choose to decorate like the Golden Girls and explode the tropics everywhere — a great decorating scheme to grow into retirement!





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De Grasse blasts 100 final

PAN AM 2015

Markham track star wins sprint in 10.05

Canadian sprint phenom Andre De Grasse capped another big day for Canada's track and field team with a victory in the men's 100 metres Wednesday at the Pan American Games.

The 20-year-old from Markham crossed in 10.05 seconds, narrowly beating Ramon Gittens Barbados, who finished in 10.07.

"Somehow, I just managed to pull off the win," De Grasse said. "I had no pressure, my family and friends told me that no matter what happens, they are still proud of me. It has been a long season, and to do this, it is a wonderful feeling right now."

Earlier in the night, Canada's Melissa Bishop won gold in the women's 800 metres. The 26-year-old from Eganville, Ont., ran to victory in one minute 59.62 seconds.

"I knew the crowd was going to be loud no matter what, so I was just trying to put myself in a good position to be able to run in and let the crowd do its work, and let the training come through," Bishop said. "I'm really happy it worked out. It's so nice to win a gold medal at home."

Toronto's Sarah Wells added a silver in the women's 400 hurdles.

Canada has 13 medals in athletics through two full days of competition and leads all countries with seven gold.

Also Wednesday, Canadian decathlete Damian Warner put himself on pace to break Michael Smith's Canadian record that has stood for 19 years.

The 25-year-old from London, Ont., takes a personal best score of 4,460 into Thursday.

Markham's Andre De Grasse, who won the 100 metres Wednesday night, has one of Canada's seven gold medals in track and field. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The world championship bronze medallist opened with personal bests of 10.28 seconds in the 100 metres and 7.68 metres in the long jump.

He threw 14.36 in the shot put, the event that derailed his performance in May at the prestigious Hypo Meeting when he faulted on all three of his throws.

He then cleared 1.97 metres in the high jump — his best is 2.07 — and capped the night by winning the 400 metres in 47.66 seconds.

Earlier, Whitney McClintock won the women's water-skiing competition, Rusty Malinoski of Humboldt, Sask., took the men's wakeboarding title and Hugo Houle finished first in the men's road cycling individual time trial.

McClintock finished ahead of American Regina Jaquess and Mexico's Carolina Chapoy in the women's water ski.

Damian Warner GETTY IMAGES FILE

Whitney McClintock THE CANADIAN PRESS

The native of Cambridge, Ont., took the lead after earning 8,370 points in the tricks event following a disappointing slalom run.

"It's a complete shocker to me, actually," McClintock said. "Today is not the way I planned it to go. Not even a little bit. It seems like on any other given day that would have not won you a gold medal.

"It's one of those hard things to celebrate, but a gold medal is a gold medal."

Jarret Llewellyn of Innisfail, Alta., added a silver in the men's overall.

Malinoski had a score of 89.11 and finished ahead of American Daniel Powers and Venezuela's Juan Mendez.

Malinoski was clearly relaxed on the water, pumping his fist and egging on the crowd to cheer louder in his final pass.

"I was favourite to win and I didn't want to let anyone down," he said. "I acted like I had it in the bag, but I was definitely nervous and I didn't want to screw up."

Houle, of Ste-Perpetue, Que., finished the 37-kilometre time trial in 45 minutes, 13.4 seconds.

"Today I had the best ride of my life for sure," Houle said.

Hugo Houle THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mexico's Ignatio Prada was second, 1:17.87 back of Houle, while Sean MacKinnon of Hamilton, Ont., took bronze.

Vancouver's Jasmin Glaesser won silver in the 19.5-kilometre women's individual time trial in 27:01.31.

In boxing, Toronto's Arthur Biyarslanov advanced to the men's 64-kilogram final with a unanimous decision over Luis Arcon Diaz of Venezuela. Kenny Lally of Prince George, B.C., finished with bronze in the men's 56-kilogram class after losing his semifinal to Cuba's Andy Cruz.

Calgary fencer Alanna Goldie added a bronze medal in women's foil.

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Gold worth glory, but no more

After the glory fades and the flashing cameras are packed away, once the stadiums are stripped of decor and the masses turn their thoughts from summer athletics, what's a Pan Am Games gold medal worth?

The answer, it seems, is not very much — beyond the glow of victory and hard-fought accomplishment, of course.

"Bottom line is you're never going to get rich," said Richard Powers, a senior lecturer at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management and president of Commonwealth Games Canada.

"Is the Pan Am Games a road to gold? Probably not, unless it's part of the path to an Olympic medal ... I'm not aware of any Pan Am-only athlete obtaining a significant sponsorship opportunity."

$80

The gold from a single medal would net about $80 US when melted on a good day.

In other words, Wheaties isn't going to toss the top trampolinist on its cereal box anytime soon. And that global deal with a top purveyor of sugary drinks? Forget about it.

The Pan Am Games simply doesn't provide the type of exposure and worldwide appeal the sponsors with the big bucks are willing to throw cash at, explained Brian Cooper, president of S&E Sponsorship in Toronto.

"It's great to have as an athlete and to build your resumé going for your Olympic gold," Cooper said. "But to be honest with you, the Pan Am gold doesn't really carry a lot ... When the win is one that is sort of limited and not global, in a niche sport against a smaller field, there's less value."

"There's not enough there that a company would take, or invest a significant amount, or think that their product would benefit that greatly from a Pan Am gold."

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BASKETBALL

Canada's men's basketball team rallied for an 88-83 win over Argentina.

Andrew Nicholson and Jamal Murray combined for 44 points, and Brady Heslip had six key points with time winding down as Canada improved to 2-0.

IN BRIEF

Alps shake things up at Tour de France

Simon Geschke of the Giant-Alpecin team won a tough and dangerous Stage 17 of the Tour de France in the Alps on Wednesday with a brave solo ride, while former champion Alberto Contador fell during a terrifying high-speed descent.

Race leader Chris Froome staved off multiple attacks to get through the first of four days in the Alps unscathed. He showed great bike-handling skills on the 16-kilometre descent from the Col d'Allos mountain pass, where he hit speeds of 60 km/h on the twisting, narrow bends.

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Division title might not guarantee playoffs: Silver

An NBA division title might soon mean a banner but no assurance of a playoff spot.

Commissioner Adam Silver said Wednesday the league is leaning toward not guaranteeing a postseason berth to a team that wins its division.

Silver had already said he expected a change from the current format that guarantees division winners no worse than the No. 4 seed.

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New Lakers excited despite quiet Kobe

Roy Hibbert, Lou Williams and Brandon Bass all say they joined the Los Angeles Lakers for a fresh start. They're also looking forward to playing with Kobe Bryant after they get a chance to talk to him.

Hibbert is eager to revitalize his career in Los Angeles after seven seasons with the Indiana Pacers. The seven-foot-two former all-star is determined to return to dominant defensive form after a perceived down season.

Lou Williams GETTY IMAGES

The former Raptor Williams believes there will be plenty of shots to go around when he plays with Bryant and Nick Young. The Sixth Man of the Year is willing to play any role to help the Lakers, who are coming off the worst season in franchise history.

None of the newcomers has spoken with Bryant yet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jamaican defender Wes Morgan takes down American striker Clint Dempsey on Wednesday in Atlanta. DAVID GOLDMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reggae Boyz ride into final

GOLD CUP

Jamaica stuns host Americans for historic semifinal win

WEDNESDAY **In Atlanta**

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Jamaica stunned the United States with a pair of first-half goals, one off a blunder by goalkeeper Brad Guzan, and held on for a 2-1 win in the Gold Cup semifinals Wednesday night that dealt the Americans their biggest upset defeat.

Darren Mattocks, who plays for Vancouver in MLS, put the Reggae Boyz ahead with 31st-minute header directly off a throw-in. Giles Barnes followed five minutes later with a goal on an 18-yard free kick after Guzan was caught going outside the penalty area on a routine throw.

Michael Bradley scored in the 48th minute for the Americans, but it wasn't enough to prevent a stunning setback in front of sold-out crowd at the Georgia Dome. The small contingent of green-and-gold-clad Jamaican fans saluted their underdog team, ranked 76th in the world but now becoming the first Caribbean nation to reach a Gold Cup final. The Reggae Boyz will face the winner of Wednesday's late semifinal between Mexico or Panama on Sunday in Philadelphia.

Toronto FC captain Michael Bradley scored the Americans' lone goal Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

The 34th-ranked Americans, who had played in five straight Gold Cup finals, will face the loser of Wednesday's second semifinal in the third-place game on Saturday. They also will meet the Gold Cup winner in a playoff for the region's berth in the 2017 Confederations Cup. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRIENDLY

Defoe returns to burn Toronto FC

Jermain Defoe scored twice in the second half to give Sunderland a 2-1 win over Toronto FC in an exhibition game Wednesday night at BMO Field.

Jonathan Osorio gave the MLS club the lead with a goal early in the second half before Defoe went to work for the English Premier League team.

Toronto made liberal substitutions starting in the first half as Sunderland won for the first time after losing twice in its three-game North American tour in preparation for the Premier League season that starts next month.

The game was a homecoming in a way for Defoe, who spent an injury-shortened season with Toronto last season before returning to England.

The sparse crowd booed when Defoe's name was announced before the game

His goals in the 66th and 70th minutes brought even more.

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Sunderland's Jermain Defoe tussles with Toronto FC's Manuel Aparicio on Wednesday at BMO Field. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SOCCER IN BRIEF

Liverpool introduce Benteke

Liverpool signed Belgium striker Christian Benteke from Premier League rival Aston Villa on Wednesday in a 32.5 million pound ($50.7 million US) deal to strengthen the club's attack for next season.

A week after selling Raheem Sterling to Manchester City for 49 million pounds, Liverpool met the release clause in Benteke's contract with Villa and signed the 24-year-old to "a long term contract" at Anfield. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trinidad receives formal U.S. extradition request for former FIFA VP Jack Warner

Trinidad and Tobago's attorney general says he has received a U.S. request for the extradition of former FIFA vice-president Jack Warner on corruption charges.

Garvin Nicholas told reporters Wednesday that his office will evaluate the documents from the U.S. Justice Department to decide whether to take the extradition matter before a magistrate.

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Bouchard believes she'll rebound

TENNIS

Sputtering star looking to turn season around in T.O.

Eugenie Bouchard was all smiles on the Toronto waterfront Wednesday, taking part in a clinic with young kids, hamming it up with fellow Canadian tennis star Milos Raonic, and engaging with fans and spectators alike.

There were no signs that her unexpected season-long slump has got her down.

Bouchard was the talk of the tennis world in 2014 after reaching the semifinals at the first three Grand Slam events, including a trip to the Wimbledon final. She won her first WTA title at the Nuremberg Cup last year and finished the season ranked seventh in the world.

Everything seemed to be lining up nicely for the 21-year-old from Westmount, Que. In addition to her on-court success, she signed with sports management powerhouse WME-IMG to help maximize the value of her brand and expand her presence in the fashion industry.

Bouchard appeared primed to take things to the next level on and off the court. Instead, her 2015 season has simply been a disaster.

It's hard to pinpoint the reason why she has managed only a handful of victories this year. She may still be adjusting to new coach Sam Sumyk. Expectations have been much higher and Bouchard has battled an abdominal injury in recent weeks.

She said Wednesday that she's feeling better, is back training and is not paying attention to the critics.

"It's been interesting for me to see how when I started doing well, how everyone jumped on the bandwagon or whatever — building me up so much," Bouchard said. "And then to see how they would break you down so much as well, so it's just how the media is, to always have a story and things like that. I just separate myself from that.

"I know what I do and I know what I believe in. It's hard not to hear it or see it, but (I try) to just kind of give it some distance and not really worry about it."

Bouchard's season began with a quarter-final loss to Russian star Maria Sharapova at the Australian Open. It has been a steady decline since.

She lost in the round of 16 at her next two tournaments, fell to a No. 113-ranked qualifier in Miami and lost to a 66th-ranked opponent in her first match at her next tournament. That was followed by a pair of Fed Cup losses and opening-match defeats in five of her next seven events.

Bouchard recently slipped 14 positions to No. 26 in the world rankings.

"I'm definitely hard on myself so if I do have a bad loss, I'm like 'Well, I completely deserve this.' You know what I mean?," she said. "But there definitely are some harsher critics than others and so-called haters and things like that. But I think it's all part of the job so you know, bring it on."

She'll try to turn things around at the Aug. 8-16 Rogers Cup at the Aviva Centre in north Toronto. The men's tournament will be held Aug. 7-16 at Montreal's Uniprix Stadium.

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Eugenie Bouchard mingles with local kids during an exhibition match atop a barge docked on Lake Ontario just off Toronto. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"It's definitely been tough but I'm sure she has all the answers."
Milos Raonic

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Graham DeLaet, from Weyburn, Sask., finished 68th at last weekend's British Open. GETTY IMAGES

'You can attack this golf course': Day

RBC CANADIAN OPEN

New course, weather a stark contrast to British Open

Golfers at the Canadian Open should put away their umbrellas and grab their sunscreen.

After rain and wind delayed the British Open and forced the first Monday finish since 1988, weather is setting up almost perfectly for Canada's national open at Glen Abbey Golf Club.

Now that the wet, wild and windy time in Scotland is over, the near-30 golfers turning around to play the RBC Canadian Open are looking forward to some dry weather and a course that provides a stark contrast to St. Andrews.

"You're expecting hard, tough conditions at the British Open, at The Open Championship, but not unplayable weather and conditions," said Jason Day, who tied for fourth at the British. "You can attack this golf course a lot more."

Golf Canada CEO Scott Simmons knocked on the wood table in front of him even discussing the weather. But the forecast is for mostly a clean four rounds of play.

That's a world of difference from the wind-beaten, rain-soaked British Open that was forced to finish Monday. The Canadian Open, back at Glen Abbey for the 27th time, is a more predictable style of game.

"You can get a lot more unlucky over there," said Canadian Graham DeLaet, who finished tied for 68th at the British.

"Usually when you hit the ball on the fairway, it stays on the fairway here. When you hit a ball and land the ball on the green, you know about how far it's going to go before it (stops)."

The charm of links golf in Scotland and the challenge that presents in one of golf's four majors is valuable.

But the Canadian Open should be a more enjoyable experience for players and those watching in person and on television.

One element of that is the weather, where temperatures are forecasted to hover just below 30 degrees and three of four days shouldn't have rain. There's a 30 per cent chance of rain Saturday afternoon.

"It's pretty exciting to think of a Canadian Open with no rain, isn't it?" said David Hearn, a native of Brantford, Ont.

Day, world No. 3 Bubba Watson, No. 7 Jim Furyk, DeLaet and Hearn are among the players who barely dried out before getting on the charter flight back to Toronto for the Canadian Open. The Monday finish gave them a late start to their preparations.

The 524-yard par-5 18th will give players plenty of eagle opportunities and the fan excitement that comes with it. But players still consider the Canadian Open demanding.

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Graham DeLaet and Brantford, Ont.'s David Hearn, pictured, headline the group of 16 Canadians in the field. No Canadian has won this tournament since Pat Fletcher in 1954.

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- 7 ripe peaches (skin on), cut into 1/2 slices
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1⁄3 cup dried cranberries
- 2 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon, divided
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup large rolled oats
- 1/3 cup chopped toasted almonds
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2 Tbsp water

Directions
1. Preheat the oven to 375 F. Lightly coat a 10-inch oven-proof skillet with cooking spray.
2. In a bowl, stir together peaches, granulated sugar, 1/3 cup brown sugar, dried cranberries, cornstarch, 1 tsp cinnamon and lemon juice. Place in the skillet.
3. In another bowl, stir together the flour, 2/3 cup brown sugar, oats, almonds, oil, water and remaining cinnamon and mix until the mixture is crumbly. Sprinkle over the peaches.
4. Place the pan in the centre of the oven and bake for 25 to 30 minutes until the crisp is golden and peaches are just tender.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 246
- Carbohydrates 42.5 g
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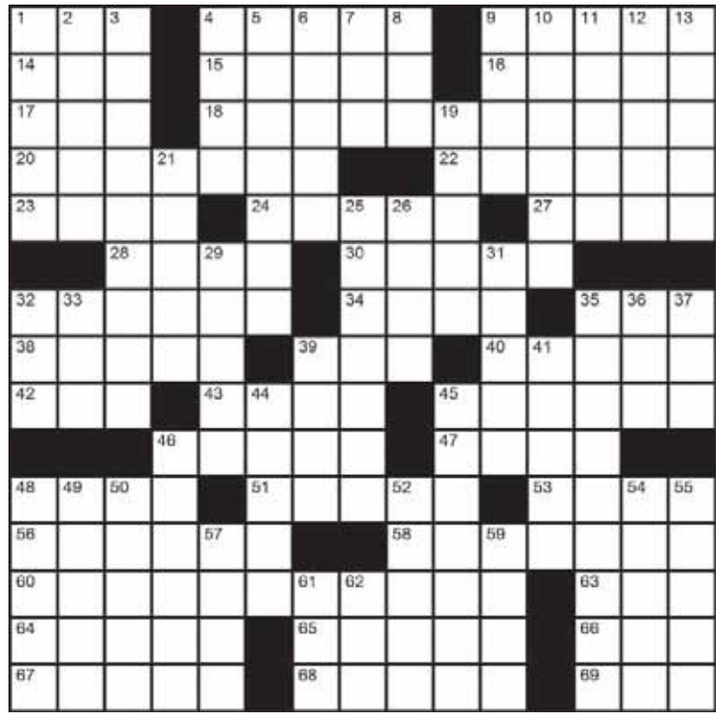

ACROSS
1. Owns
4. Ms. Fisher, and others
9. Capital of Ghana
14. Noah's boat
15. Ruffle, as an '80s hairstyle
16. Rock drill
17. 1982's version for Rocky
18. July 23rd to July 26th, 2015: Nanaimo Marine Festival and World Championship __ __ (Splish! Splash!)
20. Engine-of-a-car part: 2 wds.
22. Human
23. 'A' in AD
24. "__ __ Love": 1959 hit for Phil Phillips with The Twilights
27. Fails to be
28. Cartoon bear
30. Investigate
32. New
34. Catherine __ (Henry VIII's sixth/last wife)
35. Mr. McLean's of the Backstreet Boys
38. Egypt's capital
39. __ Antonio, Texas
40. Arctic abode
42. Web connector, briefly
43. Banned orchard spray
45. Condescends
46. Entrap
47. Consequently
48. Drift through the air
51. Rice dish
53. Ms. Jasper, Aboriginal singer/songwriter from Chilliwack, British Columbia
56. Shoelace tips
58. Ornamental music/architecture style
60. Hotel guest's request: 2 wds.
63. 'Press' suffix
64. Movie category
65. Helped
66. Lithium-__ battery
67. Ancient companion for Dionysus
68. Shortages
69. US intelligence org.

DOWN
1. Seaport of Israel
2. 'Parliament' suffix
3. Swim sans swimsuit
4. "Let __ __" by The Beatles
5. Contains the food container's freshness: 2 wds.
6. Coffee order
7. Volcanic residue
8. Arrange
9. Superior at a French monastery
10. British 'Street' soap opera, to fans
11. Unrefined
12. Military mission, e.g.
13. "__ you the clever one!"
19. __ __ the challenge (Ready to take things on)
21. Unimpressed audience member, perhaps
25. Clothing
26. Port city of Algeria
29. 'Punny' joke reaction
31. Nova Scotia island in the area of the Gulf of Maine and Bay of Fundy
32. Nero's 1101
33. '_' __ in Ottawa
35. Provincial park in Ontario since 1893
36. Comedian Mr. Stewart
37. Help!
39. Draped dress
41. Topo __, puppet on "The Ed Sullivan Show"
44. Expire
45. Vandalized, in a way
46. Like the 'handle' of a bouquet
48. Hospital sections
49. Ancient marketplace
50. Parade route display
52. __ by the rules
54. Overseas moneys
55. Suffering wife in Edith Wharton's 1911 novel Ethan Frome
57. Bygone sovereign
59. Some Smarties
61. Sprinted
62. Try

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Aries March 21 - April 20
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Taurus April 21 - May 21
You feel out of touch with what is going on around you. Others seem to be enthralled by events that mean nothing to you. Go your own way and do your own thing — you will be better off for it.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
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Cancer June 22 - July 23
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Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The sun and Mercury move into your birth sign today, making this the ideal time to begin something new. You have done lots of thinking and soul searching in recent weeks. Now you can apply what you have learnt about yourself.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
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Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Some people have been rather critical of you in recent weeks but over the next few days you will be able to show that you were right and they were wrong.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
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Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
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Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Today you will find yourself thinking more deeply about who you are and what you should be doing with your life. The answers you reach may surprise you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
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Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
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CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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